



# Food Distribution National Policy Memorandum

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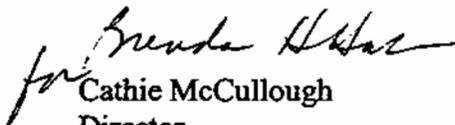
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**SUBJECT:** Maximum Monthly Distribution Rates for Powdered Infant Formula

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This memorandum serves to clarify the maximum monthly distribution rates for soy- and milk-based powdered infant formula. (Effective November 1, 2004, liquid concentrate infant formula will no longer be available in the CSFP). Infants 0-12 months of age may receive a maximum monthly issuance of nine 14.1-ounce or nine 14.3-ounce cans of powdered formula. The maximum monthly issuance of nine cans of powdered formula totals 126.9 or 128.7 ounces respectively, or approximately 8 pounds. The variance in weight of the powdered formula cans is attributable to differences in current vendor offerings.

FNS Instruction 835-1, Rev. 1 entitled "Authorized Supplemental Foods and Distribution Rates of Foods for the Commodity Supplemental Food Program" provides that, in certain circumstances, children beyond the age of 12 months may qualify to receive infant formula. Such children may not have achieved the developmental level necessary to consume solid foods. Under these circumstances, the CSFP local agency may continue to authorize infant formula, either soy- or milk-based, provided that its use is prescribed by a physician and the reason is documented in the child's certification file. Qualified children may receive a maximum monthly issuance of nine 14.1-ounce or nine 14.3-ounce cans of powdered formula. An additional can of powdered formula (one 14.1-ounce or one 14.3-ounce can) may be issued on an individual basis provided that, per FNS Instruction 835-1, Rev. 1, the need is prescribed by a physician and the reason documented in the child's certification file.



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