

Checklist for Therapeutic Formula Requests

*WIC is a supplemental nutrition program that is funded to support breastfeeding and provide supplemental foods for families. It is **NOT** a medical program. Your health plan's procedures must be followed when a formula for a medical condition is prescribed. WIC may offer the formulas short term until the steps below can be completed by you and your child's doctor.*

Steps to receive Therapeutic Formula at WIC

1. You must obtain both an **official medical prescription** (on your doctor's prescription pad) and a WIC prescription on the **WIC Pediatric Referral or Medical Formula and Nutritional's Request Form**.
2. Ask your child's doctor to submit a "**prior authorization**" to your insurance for the therapeutic formula.
3. After the prior authorization has been submitted, take the **official medical prescription** from your doctor to your pharmacy to check coverage.
4. The pharmacy may tell you that your insurance will not cover the formula, or you will receive a letter from your insurance saying that they won't cover it.
5. If coverage of the formula is denied, bring the denial letter from either the pharmacy or your insurance to your next WIC appointment, along with the completed **WIC Pediatric Referral or Medical Formula and Nutritional's Request Form**.

*Summary: In order to receive therapeutic formula from WIC, we must have both a signed **WIC Pediatric Referral or Medical Formula and Nutritional's Request Form** from your doctor and a **denial letter** from your insurance*