



4 FOOD PACKAGE/FI ISSUANCE

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4.20 Limited Cooking/Storage Models for Children and Women

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POLICY: The WIC Limited Cooking/Storage models are to be provided only to women and children participants defined as homeless (see Policy 2.1-2 Other Residences in the Income/Categorical Eligibility Section) **or** do not have a stove, refrigerator, or water or have limited access to a stove, refrigerator or water.

PROCEDURE:

A. LIMITED COOKING/STORAGE FOOD PACKAGES

1. All CPAs need to be familiar with the contents of the Limited Cooking/Storage model packages. These differ from the other women's and children's packages in that they contain different foods, packaging or distribution on food instruments (FIs):
 - a) Half gallons of fluid milk instead of primarily gallons can likely be consumed in one day to avoid spoilage. Evaporated or powdered milk is available as an option.
 - b) 36 ounces of cereal is split on to two FIs.
 - c) Juice comes in the 46-48 ounce or 64 ounce containers. Single strength 5.5-6 ounce containers are available as an option.
 - d) Tuna, packed in oil or water, in the 3 ounce cans (for the Limited Cooking/Storage Fully Breastfeeding packages only).
 - e) Additional 4 cans (14-16 ounce) canned beans/peas or 18 ounces peanut butter substitutes 1 dozen eggs for participants with limited cooking or storage.
 - f) More FIs in a package to accommodate storage, spoilage, and transportation issues.
2. Model Packages for Limited Cooking/Storage will be specifically identified in ROSIE, e.g., Child 12-23 months – Limited Storage. See Policy 4.12 Women and Children Food Packages for maximum monthly amounts of the model packages. These maximum amounts will be distributed on to more FIs.
 - a) Child 12-23 months
 - b) Child 24-59 months
 - c) Pregnant, pregnant with multiples
 - d) Postpartum Non Breastfeeding Woman



- e) Breastfeeding Woman – fully, mostly, or some breastfeeding; multiples even and odd months
- f) Prescription-Required – appropriate formula added to above models

B. CPA DETERMINES COOKING/STORAGE CAPABILITIES. A CPA must determine the need for and select and tailor the appropriate Limited Cooking/Storage food package.

1. Even though a participant is homeless, they may or may not need a Limited Cooking/Storage package. Determine if they have access to a refrigerator and stove (which would permit issuance of eggs), refrigerator (which would permit issuance of gallons of milk, 12-oz frozen and 46-oz containers of juice, and large cans of tuna), etc.
2. If the participant has access to a stove, refrigerator, and water, a regular food package (selected per Policy 4.12) is recommended.
3. Select the model package appropriate for the participant type. Based on the participants' cooking and storage facilities, make the appropriate substitutions to the model; e.g. substitute single serving fruit juice for the larger containers, etc.
4. Fully breastfeeding women receive one pound of cheese. Assess the availability of a cooler when giving food storage advice on these packages.

C. DOCUMENTATION IN ROSIE

1. Check the “Homeless” box on the General tab, if the participant meets the definition of “homeless”. This is data required by USDA.
2. Check the “Limited Storage” box on the Benefits tab to allow for selection of this food package.

D. REASSESSMENT

1. Determine with the participant when to reassess the food package for Limited Cooking/Storage. They may receive one, two, or three months of food packages, based on their anticipated living situation.
2. Reassess monthly for those who are homeless.