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246.10(e)(1)-(e)(9)	<p><b>Supplemental Foods.</b></p> <p>Food Package categories distinguish between fully breastfeeding, partially breastfeeding, and fully formula feeding mother/infant pairs. Whether or not a breastfeeding woman receives a food package and which food package she is assigned is based on the amount of infant formula received from WIC for her infant, and the age of the infant.</p> <p>Fully breastfeeding food packages are for mothers and their babies who do not receive formula from WIC and are considered to be breastfeeding exclusively. Mothers and infants may receive this package until the infant is 12 months of age. For mothers, this package provides the largest quantity and variety of foods in order to meet their nutritional needs. For infants, this package provides twice the amount of infant food fruits and vegetables as the package for infants who receive formula, and also provides infant food meat.</p> <p>Partially breastfeeding food packages are for mothers and their infants who mostly breastfeed but also receive some formula from WIC after the first month postpartum. Mothers and infants may receive this package until the infant is 12 months of age. For mothers, this package provides extra quantities and varieties of foods—more than for mothers who mostly formula feed—in order to meet their nutritional needs. For infants, formula amounts are kept to a minimum to help mothers continue to successfully breastfeed.</p> <p>Routine issuance of infant formula in the first month is not authorized to partially breastfeeding mothers to allow the establishment of successful breastfeeding.</p> <p>Women who are not breastfeeding or only breastfeeding a minimal amount receive a WIC basic food package. Minimally breastfeeding women whose infants greater than 6 months of age receive more formula from WIC than is allowed for a partially breastfeeding infant do not receive a food package. They may receive other WIC benefits, however, such as breastfeeding support and breast pumps, nutrition education, and referrals to health and social services.</p>

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