

Issuing Formula to Infants (0 Months Age Category)

The maximum quantity of infant formula that may be issued to an infant in the Age Category **0 Months** with a Breastfeeding Status of **Partially Breastfed \leq Maximum Monthly Allowance (MMA)** is *one (1) can* of powdered infant formula. **This option is only available on a case-by-case basis and after a careful assessment of the breastfeeding dyad by a Competent Professional Authority (CPA).**

Below is an example using Gerber Good Start Gentle Soothe. The CPA must enter a value ≤ 90 in the **Quantity** field for Crossroads to appropriately display a Breastfeeding Status of **Partially Breastfed \leq MMA** in the Age Category of **0 Months**. The **Infant Formula Calculator** shows 1 can of infant formula will be issued for the current month.

The screenshot displays the 'Food Prescription' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with dates: 12/5/2019, 1/1/2020, 4/1/2020, 6/1/2020, and 12/1/2020. Below this, the 'Food Prescription Date' is 12/5/2019, 'WIC Category' is Infant, 'Age Category' is 0 Months, 'Breastfeeding Status' is Partially Breastfed \leq MMA, 'Family Issuance Day' is 5, and 'Issuance Frequency' is 3 Month(s). The 'Food Prescription Items' table shows one item: 'Infant Formula (IF)' with subcategory 'Gerber Good Start SoothePro Powder 12.4 oz', a quantity of 90, and a category max quantity of 806. The 'Add Item to Food Prescription' section has a quantity field set to 0. The 'Infant Formula' calculator shows a table with columns for Month, Dec, and Total. The current month's quantity is 90, and the total is 90 / 90, resulting in 1 can.

Month	Dec	Total
Quantity	90	90 / 90
# Cans	1	1

Documentation in the Care Plan When a CPA issues the one (1) can of powdered infant formula during the **0 Months** Age Category, the CPA must justify the issuance of supplemental infant formula within the participant's Care Plan. The CPA must provide and document that the appropriate counseling and breastfeeding support were provided.

The CPA must NOT enter a value >90 and ≤ 104 in the **Quantity** field. In Crossroads, this could potentially indicate the issuance of 2 cans of infant formula, but this is not correct for the Breastfeeding Status of **Partially Breastfed \leq MMA** for an in the infant Age Category **0 months**. An example of this potential error is displayed on the next page.

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Food Prescription

10/3/2019 0 Months 10/30/2019 1 to 3 Months 1/30/2020 4 to 5 Months 3/30/2020 6 to 11 Months 9/30/2020 12 to 23 Month

Food Prescription Date: 10/3/2019 WIC Category: Infant Age Category: 0 Months Breastfeeding Status: Partially Breastfed <= MMA Family Issuance Day: Issuance Frequency: 3 Month(s)

Category	Subcategory	Quantity	Category Max Quantity	UOM
Infant Formula (IF)	Gerber Good Start GentlePro Powder 12.7 oz	93	106	Ounces

Add Item to Food Prescription

Category: Subcategory: Quantity: 0 Max / Med Max: / UOM: Add Item Clear

Infant Formula

Month	Sep	Total
Quantity	93	93 / 92
# Cans	2	2

Warning: This example displays the potential error

If a CPA enters a value of ≥ 105 in the Quantity field, then Crossroads will appropriately assign the Breastfeeding Status to **Partially Breastfed >MMA**. The **Infant Formula Calculator** shows 2 or more cans of infant formula (up to the category maximum quantity) may be issued for the current month.

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Food Prescription Date: 10/3/2019 WIC Category: Infant Age Category: 0 Months Breastfeeding Status: Partially Breastfed > MMA Family Issuance Day: 1 Issuance Frequency: 3 Month(s)

Category	Subcategory	Quantity	Category Max Quantity	UOM
Infant Formula (IF)	Gerber Good Start GentlePro Powder 12.7 oz	105	106	Ounces

Add Item to Food Prescription

Category: Subcategory: Quantity: 0 Max / Med Max: / UOM: Add Item Clear

Infant Formula

Month	Sep	Total
Quantity	105	105 / 92
# Cans	2	2

Note: It is best practice for the Food Prescription for a partially breastfed infant who needs 2 or more cans of powdered infant formula during the **0 Months** Age Category to have **105** in the quantity field to prevent over issuance of food benefits to the mother.

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Powdered Exempt Infant Formula

Crossroads food prescriptions including powdered exempt infant formula for an infant in the **0 Months Age Category** should follow similar guidelines such that following the breastfeeding assessment, a CPA:

- Enters a value less than or equal to 90 in the **Quantity** field to reflect assessed need
- Verifies that if the Breastfeeding Status displays **Partially Breastfed \leq MMA**, the **Infant Formula Calculator** shows no more than *1 can* of powdered infant formula will be issued for the current month
 - If the **Infant Formula Calculator** shows 2 cans of powdered formula, the CPA may need to reduce the **Quantity** in one (1) ounce increments until 1 can is shown.

While equal rates of liquid concentrate or ready to feed (RTF) formula may be substituted for powdered formula, doing so is not recommended because of the potential for significant waste.