



Cascades Staff Tool



Issuing Benefits in the Month of the 1st and 5th Birthday

Issuing Food Benefits in the Month an Infant Turns 1 Year of Age	
Eligibility ends date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Infants certified less than 7 months of age:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligibility ends the last day of the month they turn 1 year of age. • <u>Infants certified at 7 months of age or older:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eligibility ends the last day of the month of a 6-month period. ○ Cascades changes the category from Infant to Child on the first birthday.
WIC foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The participant receives infant foods when the First Date to Spend is prior to the first birthday. • The participant receives foods for children when the First Date to Spend is on or after the first birthday.
Providing child food benefits instead of infant food benefits	<p>If the Parent Guardian would prefer child food benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff can issue the rest of the family’s benefits on the regular Family Issuance Day and <u>wait</u> to issue the child’s benefits on or after the 1st birthday. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Note: Cascades <u>prorates</u> the child’s benefits when issued more than 7 days after the Family Issuance Day. • If staff issued infant food benefits before the first birthday, and the Parent Guardian requests child foods after the 1st birthday: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <i>If no benefits were redeemed for the infant or any member of the family, void the infant/family food benefits (Food Instrument List) and re-issue with child food benefits (Issue Food Instruments).</i> ○ If the family redeemed any food benefits, staff can’t replace infant foods and formula with child foods.
Issuing Food Benefits in the Month a Child Turns 5 Years of Age	
Eligibility ends date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligibility ends the last day of the month the child turns 5 years of age.
WIC foods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff can issue food benefits any time during the month the child turns 5 years of age. • The participant has the full amount of time to redeem the food benefits based on the food benefit issuance day.
Replacing food benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff can update the food prescription and replace current benefits within the First and Last Date to Spend when the participant file is still active.



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