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## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PHARMACY PROVIDERS**

### **Non-Insured Health Benefits Program: Coverage of Alternatives to Similac Alimentum Infant Formula**

Due to the temporary closure of a large manufacturing plant in the United States, there is currently a shortage of Similac Alimentum infant formula in Canada. Listed alternatives include **Nutramigen**, **Neocate**, **Pregestimil**, and **Puramino** infant formulas. To access these alternatives, pharmacy providers must call the NIHB Drug Exception Centre at 1-800-580-0950.

The Non Insured Health Benefits (NIHB) program provides coverage of multiple types of infant formula for medical reasons for infants up to one year of gestational age. Eligible products and criteria can be found in the Drug Benefit List located on the Express Scripts Canada NIHB Provider and Client Website at [nihb-ssna.express-scripts.ca/en > provider > pharmacy > drug benefit list](https://nihb-ssna.express-scripts.ca/en/provider/pharmacy/drug-benefit-list).