

Adjusting Formula in WINNIE

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Explanation

When adjusting Concentrate or RTU/RTF formulas in Adjust Benefits, WINNIE suggests extra cans.

Although WINNIE will not allow you to issue more than the Food Item Limit for an individual formula (for example, 31 cans of 13 oz concentrate), if the number of calculated ounces left are greater than the number of ounces in one can/container, WINNIE will indicate that these extra cans/containers are available.

Rules of Thumb

There are common sense Rules of Thumb that you should follow when adjusting formula:

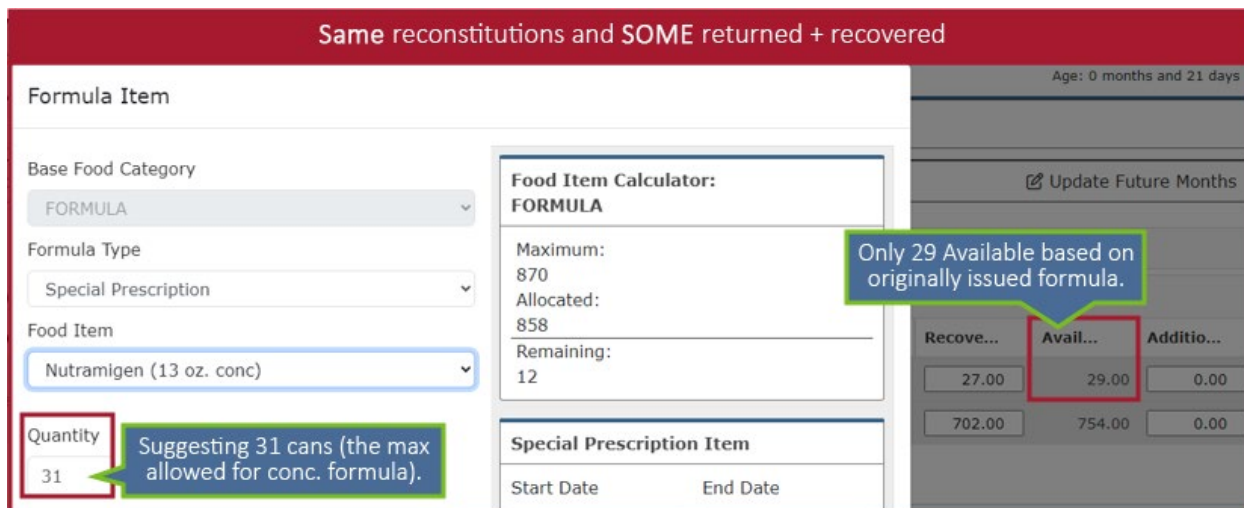
Formula Reconstitution	Returned + Recovered	What to Do
Same	Some (partial)	Issue the same number of cans/containers as were returned + recovered.
Different	Some (partial)	Issue the number of cans/containers suggested by WINNIE . Never issue the Available cans in the original formula's row.
Same or Different	All	Issue the number of cans/containers suggested by WINNIE . Never issue the Available cans in the original formula's row.

Examples

Example #1 – Same Reconstitution with Some Returned/Recovered

Exchanging concentrate for concentrate where **some** of the original formula (gray row) is returned and/or recovered:

Same reconstitutions and **SOME** returned + recovered



Formula Item

Base Food Category: FORMULA

Formula Type: Special Prescription

Food Item: Nutramigen (13 oz. conc)

Quantity: 31

Suggesting 31 cans (the max allowed for conc. formula).

Food Item Calculator: FORMULA

Maximum: 870
Allocated: 858
Remaining: 12

Special Prescription Item

Start Date: End Date

Recover...	Avail...	Additio...
27.00	29.00	0.00
702.00	754.00	0.00

Only 29 Available based on originally issued formula.

Example #2 – Different Reconstitution with Some Returned/Recovered

Exchanging concentrate for powder where **some** of the original formula (gray row) is returned and/or recovered:

Different reconstitutions and SOME returned + recovered

29 cans returned + recovered.

26 ounces left so 1 can Available.

Retu...	Recov...	Avail...	Additi...
2.00	27.00	1.00	0.00
52.00	702.00	26.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	9.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	783.00

Max number of cans for new powdered formula.

Example #3 - Different Reconstitution with ALL Returned/Recovered

Exchanging concentrate for RTU/RTF where **all** of the original formula (gray row) is returned and/or recovered:

Different reconstitutions and ALL returned + recovered

All 31 cans returned + recovered.

26 ounces left so 1 can Available.

Retur...	Recove...	Avail...	Additio...
4.00	27.00	1.00	0.00
104.00	702.00	26.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	26.00
0.00	0.00	0.00	832.00

Max number of cans for new formula.



Instead of using Update Future Months, which is more advanced functionality, simply **void future months**, assess food prescriptions and add as appropriate, then reissue using Issue Benefits.

Explanation of How WINNIE Works when Adjusting Formula

In Adjust Benefits, when exchanging formula, WINNIE looks at two things: the Food Item Limit, or maximum number of cans that can be issued for a specific formula, and the Base Food Category Limit for all formula.

The Federal Regs determine the Base Food Category Limits and there are two methods for determining the reconstituted limit for monthly formula issuance. The first is the Full Nutrition Benefit, which provides a reconstitution limit that is the same for all formulas. The second is the Maximum Monthly Allowance (MMA), which **provides a different reconstitution maximum based on the type of formula**: powder = 870, RTU/RTF = 832, and concentrate = 823. WINNIE uses the MMA because of how Minnesota WIC issues formula.

There is only one Base Food Category Limit for formula despite there being 3 different reconstitution maximums for MMA. Since the maximum formula amount must be used, we use 870, the limit for reconstituted powder. This is the Base Food Category Limit for all formula.

When adjustments are made for concentrate or RTU/RTF, because the limit is 870 when the reconstituted amount is calculated, there can potentially be 2 extra cans of concentrate and 1 extra container of RTU/RTU that may be suggested as available.

WINNIE math:

13 oz Concentrate

- 31 cans concentrate x 26 reconstituted oz per can = 806 fluid oz.
- 870 – 806 = 64 oz.
- 64 / 26 = 2 cans with 12 ounces left over

32 oz. RTU/RTF

- 26 containers RTU x 32 reconstituted oz per container = 832 fluid oz.
- 870 – 832 = 38 oz.
- 38 / 32 = 1 can with 6 ounces left over

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