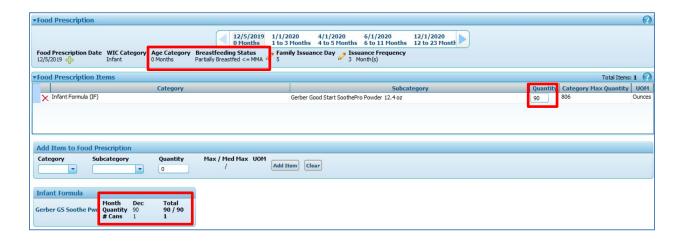
## **Issuing Formula to Infants (0 Months Age Category)**

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 < 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).

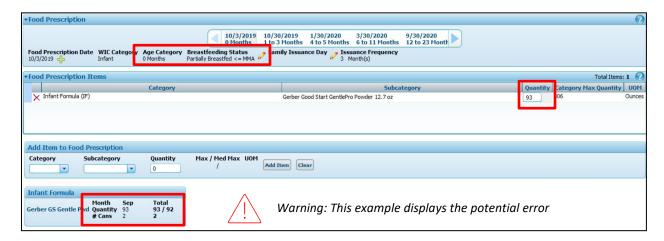
Below is an example using Gerber Good Start Gentle Soothe. The CPA must enter a value ≤90 in the Quantity field for Crossroads to appropriately display a Breastfeeding Status of Partially Breastfed ≤MMA in the Age Category of 0 Months. The Infant Formula Calculator shows 1 can of infant formula will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



**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 ≤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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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.



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 ≤ MMA, the Infant
  Formula Calculator shows no more than 1 can of powdered infant formula will be
  issued for the current month
  - o 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.