



WIC VENDORS' UPDATE – GROCERY STORE EDITION March 2012

Nebraska WIC Food Package Change

1. Due to budget reductions in the WIC Program, effective March 1, 2012, CHEESE is discontinued for some categories of WIC clients.
2. You will see fewer checks with cheese and more with milk.
3. The WIC shoppers have been informed of this change.
4. Do **NOT** remove the WIC authorized flags on your POS for WIC authorized cheese as there will still be valid WIC checks for cheese. The number of checks that allow the purchase of cheese will be less.
5. Do **NOT** remove the Nebraska WIC authorized shelf labels for the approved cheese in your store.
6. Remember:
 - WIC shoppers may use coupons to purchase WIC approved foods if the discount is taken off the price of the food. The cashier must not give money back to the WIC shopper for the coupons.



2012 WIC Reauthorization

All WIC Vendor Agreements Expire September 30, 2012

- **Vendors with a current WIC Vendor Agreement will be sent an application for reauthorization in May.**
- **Notification of acceptance or denial of the new application will be made at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current agreement.**
- **Regional meetings will be scheduled in September 2012 for WIC contract training and agreement signing.**

FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

- Q.** What is a detailed cash register receipt or electronic journal entry?
Is it required for Nebraska WIC?
- A.** A detailed cash register receipt or electronic journal entry includes the following:
- Store identified
 - Date of purchase
 - Product description of items purchased that clearly identifies what was purchased
 - Unit price for each item purchased with total indicated

Yes, it is **required** for Nebraska WIC authorization and it **must** be provided with all problem WIC checks to be reviewed for possible reimbursement.

- Q.** Are gel pens okay to use for WIC checks?
- A.** No, **always use black pens** to enter information on WIC checks. Information entered using a fluorescent, gel, or metallic pen cannot be imaged. The check will be rejected because the information will not appear on the imaged check.