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Nebraska Health & Human Services
NEBRASKA WIC PROCEDURE MANUAL
**Topic: Relationship to the
Food Stamp Program**

Purpose: Describe the violations that affect Food Stamp authorization.

Notification The State WIC Agency shall provide the Lincoln, Nebraska Food and Nutrition Service Field Office with a copy of the written notification and information on vendors it has disqualified from WIC or imposed a civil money penalty in lieu of disqualification from WIC for violations that it believes are covered under 7 CFR 246.12(l) of the WIC Program regulations.

This information shall include the name of the vendor, address, vendor number, the type of violation(s), and the length of disqualification or the length of the disqualification corresponding to the violation for which the civil money penalty was assessed.

Food Stamp Program authorization may be withdrawn from any vendor which is disqualified from the WIC Program or is assessed a civil money penalty in lieu of disqualification from the WIC Program based in whole or in part on the following categories of violations outlined in 7 CFR 246.12(l) of the WIC Program regulations:

- A violation of program regulations which has been shown to constitute a misdemeanor or felony violation of the law.
- One conviction by a criminal court of trafficking of food instruments or selling firearms, ammunition, explosives, or controlled substances in exchange for WIC food instruments.
- One WIC administrative finding of buying or selling WIC food instruments for cash (trafficking) or selling firearms, ammunition, explosives, or controlled substances in exchange for WIC food instruments.
- One incidence of the sale of alcohol or alcoholic beverages or tobacco products in exchange for WIC food instruments.
- A pattern of claiming reimbursement for the sale of an amount of a specific supplemental food item, which exceeds the store's, documented inventory of that supplemental food item for a specific period of time.

- A pattern of charging WIC customers more for supplemental food than non-WIC customers or charging WIC customers more than the current shelf or contract price.
 - A pattern of receiving, transacting, and/or redeeming WIC food instruments outside of authorized channels, including the use of an unauthorized vendor and/or unauthorized person.
 - A pattern of charging for supplemental food not received by the WIC shopper.
 - A pattern of providing credit or non-food items other than alcohol, alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, cash, firearms, ammunition, explosives, or controlled substances in exchange for WIC food instruments.
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Timeframe The State Agency shall provide this notification to the Lincoln, Nebraska FNS Field Office within 15 days after the vendor's opportunity to file for a WIC administrative review has expired or all of the vendor's WIC administrative reviews have been completed.