

An e-newsletter for Alabama WIC Vendors

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Important WIC Information

WIC is administered at the Federal level by the Food and Nutrition Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Each State is mandated to address program fraud and abuse. Effective October 1, 2013 Alabama has implemented a tiered sanction schedule for state-level vendor sanctions. State-level vendor violations that result in sanctions have been expanded and revised. Per Federal Regulations, some previous state sanctions have been correctly identified as contract violations. The sanction schedule is part of the Alabama WIC Vendor Contract and the Alabama WIC Vendor Procedure Handbook. It is imperative that as an authorized WIC vendor you review the Alabama WIC Vendor Contract and the Alabama WIC Vendor Procedure Handbook.

Question of the Month

Q: Are WIC customers allowed to purchase pumpkins with a cash value voucher (CVV)?

A: Yes. Regular, plain pumpkins that can be eaten are WIC approved; however, ornamental or decorative pumpkins that cannot be eaten are not WIC approved and cannot be purchased with a CVV.



Payment Processing Changes

The following two rejection codes have been added as fatal edits which mean they **cannot** be re-deposited or appealed for payment.

Redeemed Prior to the First Day to Use: The food instrument or cash value voucher was accepted prior to the "First Day to Use" date.

Signature Missing: Patient/Parent/Legal Guardian or proxy's signature was not in the signature block at time of deposit.

Appeal for Payment

New procedures for filing appeals for payment have been implemented. Incomplete requests will not be processed.

All appeals for payment must be made on the Alabama WIC Program Appeal Request form. The form will be available on our website: www.adph.org/WIC

A copy of the food instrument or cash value voucher from the bank of first deposit showing the rejection stamp and a copy of the receipt or journal transaction must be included with the request.

Attention

Beginning October 1, 2013

Participants will be required to select single ingredient fruits and vegetables in the 4 ounce jar **ONLY**.



The 7 ounce packages of Gerber Infant Fruits and Vegetables and the Beech Nut Goya are **NO LONGER** WIC approved.

