

An e-newsletter for Alabama WIC Vendors

Question of the Month

Q: WIC participants can purchase any brand of baby food that comes in a 4 oz. jar, including meats, deserts, and cobbles. True or False

A: FALSE. Infant fruits and vegetables must be 2nd Stage single ingredient only in 4 oz. containers and these brands: Beech-Nut and Gerber.

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

WIC participants can purchase Lactose-Free milk and it does not have to be specified on the food instrument.

Need Supplies?

If you are in need of any supplies, such as shelf labels, approved foods brochures, or window clings, please contact Maxine Hawthorne at (334) 206-5673.

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URGENT: WIC Formula Vendor Issue

Allowing the purchase of a formula other than the one specified on the Alabama WIC food instrument can result in the following:

- Loss of revenue of over a hundred dollars per food instrument.
- Alabama WIC Program vendor sanctions.
- Health complications for the infant. Some WIC formulas require a prescription for issuance and allowing a formula other than the one specified could be harmful to the infant.

Preventing these costly and harmful issues can be done through **TRAINING CASHIERS** to **CAREFULLY REVIEW** all food instruments before they complete the transaction to verify that the formula being purchased is the formula printed on the food instrument.

WIC Vendor Payment Appeal Request Form

The Alabama State WIC Office has revised the WIC Vendor Payment Appeal Request Form.

The revised form is available on our website at www.adph.org/WIC.

REMINDER: If each section of the form is not completed the request will automatically be denied.

Prior to submitting an appeal request **carefully review** the Appeal for Payment procedures which are outlined on page 24 of the Alabama WIC Program Vendor Procedure Handbook effective date October 1, 2013.