

Vendor Information Publication

An e-newsletter for Alabama WIC Vendors

October 2015

INFANT FRUITS/VEGETABLE CLARIFICATION

Effective October 1, 2015 the Alabama WIC Program implemented manufacturer's changes for packaging of Gerber infant fruits/vegetables. This was first communicated to all vendors via written notification dated August 17, 2015. Gerber now packages infant fruits/vegetables in a 4 oz 2 pack container. The 2 pack containers are only allowed when specified on the food instrument (FI). If the WIC customer selects the 2 pack option then they cannot get jars. See FI image below.

Alabama Department of Public Health		WIC Program		1000002213
MOM TEST		First Day To Use		Last Day To Use
Family ID: F00000000188		Oct 5, 2015		Nov 4, 2015
64 Ounces	2nd Stage Infant Fruit/Veg (16-4 oz jars OR 8-4 oz. 2 pk)	Vendor Stamp		Pay Exactly
2 Box(s)	Infant Cereal (8 oz.)			\$
				Corrected Amount
		Must be deposited within 60 days of first day of use		
		Authorized Signature **Present ID**		

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For food instruments issued prior to October 1, 2015 the participant must still be allowed to purchase the Gerber 4 oz. glass container, 2nd Stage, Single Ingredient only. See FI image below.

Alabama Department of Public Health		WIC Program		1000002217
MOM TEST		First Day To Use		Last Day To Use
Family ID: F00000000188		Nov 5, 2015		Dec 4, 2015
16 Containers	2nd Stage Infant Fruit/Veg (4 oz. Container)	Vendor Stamp		Pay Exactly
2 Box(s)	Infant Cereal (8 oz.)			\$
				Corrected Amount
		Must be deposited within 60 days of first day of use		
		Authorized Signature **Present ID**		

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IMPORTANT: If you still have the Gerber 2nd Stage, Single Ingredient infant fruit/vegetables jars in stock they can be purchased by WIC customers. Remember WIC only allows 2nd Stage, Single Ingredient infant fruit/vegetables.

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IMPORTANT TRAINING INFORMATION

Training New Store Personnel - Utilize the WIC Vendor Training page available at [www.adph.org /WIC](http://www.adph.org/WIC), select Vendor Management from the left hand column and the training link is at the top of the page.

The first segment, Introduction to WIC/Cashier Basics, is **required** for all store employees. Segments two and three are to be viewed by store management and owners as they include the administrative responsibilities.

The WIC Employee Training Acknowledgement Form is included on the WIC Vendor Training page and must **be** completed by all store personnel after viewing the training session(s). This document must be on file for all store personnel. Failure to provide this form as proof of employee training on WIC procedures is a violation of the WIC Program.

Question of the Month

Q: How many food instruments can a WIC customer use at one time?

A: As long as the food instruments are within the valid dates there is no limit on the number of food instruments that can be used.

LACTOSE FREE MILK

Lactose-Free milk **is** WIC approved and **does not** have to be specified on the food instrument.

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 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.

Need Supplies or Have Questions? Contact us at 1-888-942-4673.

Additional Information Available on the Web at: www.adph.org/wic