# ANNUAL VENDOR TRAINING

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# **ABOUT DPBH**

## MISSION

To protect, promote, and improve the physical and behavioral health and safety of all people in Nevada, equitably and regardless of circumstances, so they can live their safest, longest, healthiest, and happiest life.

VISION

A Nevada where preventable health and safety issues no longer impact the opportunity for all people to live life in the best possible health.

## PURPOSE

To make everyone's life healthier, happier, longer, and safer.





# AGENDA

- 1. What is WIC? Why is WIC important?
- 2. WIC approved foods and food packages
- 3. WIC shopping, transactions, UPC submissions, and the claims procedure
- 4. Vendor rights and responsibilities
- 5. Complaints
- 6. Vendor tools and resources



# What is WIC?

WIC is a federally funded Supplemental Nutrition Program for income eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.



## Why is WIC important?

The WIC Program aims to help safeguard the health of low-income women, infants and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk by providing the following:





- Nutrition education, such as healthy eating habits or information
- Nutritious foods to help supplement diets
- Breastfeeding support, such as access to lactation consultants, and breastfeeding accessories at no cost to eligible participants
- Health and social service referrals





## Why are WIC Vendors Important?

# WIC Vendors are a VITAL part of the Nevada WIC Program

- Vendors supply the nutritious foods needed to build healthy families
- All Vendor Staff are important in making the shopping experience work for WIC participants
- Without Vendor partners, the Nevada WIC Program could not reach our goals helping families eat healthier foods
- WIC benefits redeemed at your store contribute to your store's success
- WIC shoppers buy other goods while shopping for WIC foods

#### Authorized WIC Foods

- Whole grains including 100% whole grain and whole wheat bread, brown rice, soft corn and whole wheat tortillas, and whole wheat pasta
- Varieties of canned fish
- Tofu
- Soy beverages
- Iron-fortified infant formula
- Infant cereal
- Jarred baby foods (fruits, vegetables, meats)

- Milk
- Yogurt
- Eggs
- Cheese
- Dried beans, peas, and lentils
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter
- Iron-fortified cereals
- 100% fruit and vegetable juices
- Fresh, canned, and frozen fruits and vegetables
- WIC Authorized foods can be viewed on the WICShopper App

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#### **Unauthorized Foods**



#### NOT ALLOWED:

- Herbs: (for example) basil, cilantro, dill, sage, rosemary, etc.
- Individually wrapped cheese slices
- Nut butters or spreads (except peanut butter)
- Food with high sugar content
- Nut, rice, or other grain-based milk
- Foods not appearing on a Participant's shopping list or balance inquiry

#### Least Expensive Brand not Required



<u>The least expensive brand is no</u> <u>longer a Nevada WIC</u> <u>requirement.</u>

Participants may redeem any WIC approved brand of milk, eggs, orange and pineapple juice

#### Minimum Stocking Requirements



- Baby Cereal 8 oz box or 16 oz flip-lid container 32 oz total; including at least 2 of the 8 oz size boxes
- Baby Food Fruits and Vegetables 3.5 to 4 oz size, step 2 or 2 ½ only- Any combination of 32 total jars or plastic containers; must stock 2 kinds of fruits and 2 kinds of vegetables
- Baby Food Meats 2.5 oz container, step 1 or 2 16 jars total
- Breakfast Cereal Cold Cereal 12 36 oz box, Hot Cereal 11.8 oz box or larger; 12 boxes total, 2 varieties of cold cereal, one hot cereal, including at least 1 whole grain cereal
- Cheese 1 lb (16 oz) blocked, sliced, and string; Six 1 lb. blocks total; 3 varieties

#### Minimum Stocking Requirements cont.



- Dried or Canned Beans/Peas/Lentils 16 oz bag, or 14-16 oz can; 64 oz total; 2 varieties
- Eggs 12 count carton (1 dozen) any size brown or white, must be cage-free;
   6 cartons
- Canned Fish tuna, 5 oz or larger chunk light ONLY, Sardines 3.75 oz or larger; 12 cans total; 2 varieties
- Fresh Fruits and Vegetables Seven or more varieties of fresh fruits AND seven or more varieties of fresh vegetables; 5 or more units of fruits AND 5 or more units of fresh vegetables

#### Minimum Stocking Requirements cont.



- Infant Formula Contract Formula only (Similac Advance and Similac Isomil; 12 cans Similac Advance 12.4 oz powder, 5 cans Similac Soy Isomil 12.4 oz
- Juice Concentrate 11.5 oz/12 oz frozen/ pourable container 5 total cans; 2 varieties
- Juice Single Strength 64 oz plastic bottle 100% juice brand specified 6 bottles total; 2 varieties
- Milk Gallons, half gallons, and quarts 10 gallons total; including a total of 5 gallons 1% or nonfat milk; any combination of approved sizes

#### Minimum Stocking Requirements cont.



- Peanut Butter 16-18 oz jars 6 jars total; 2 varieties
- Whole Grain Choices 100% whole wheat bread, brown rice, whole wheat or corn tortillas 16 oz sizes only – Bread- 6 loaves, a total of 5 lbs combined rice and tortillas
- Frozen Fruits and Vegetables, Canned Fruits and Vegetables, Goat Milk, Soy Beverages, and Tofu – No minimum inventory requirement

## Milk



- Types of milk issued are dependent on the age of the Participant
  - Children 1-2 years of age are mostly issued whole milk, unless a different type of milk is medically necessary or requested by the participant
  - Children 2 years of age and over, pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women are mostly issued 1%, skim, or fat-free milk, unless a different type of milk is medically necessary or requested by the participant
- Milk is issued to participants in quarts or .25 gallons
  - Example: a participant is issued 3.25 gallons and may redeem the milk in any size; Gallons, half-gallons, or quarts
- REMEMBER: Milk NO LONGER has a Least Expensive Brand Requirement (LEB)

## Milk Options

- Goat's Milk
- Powdered Milk
- Soy Milk (refrigerated and shelf stable)
- Evaporated Milk
- UHT (Ultra High Temperature) Milk (shelf stable)
- Lactose Free/Reduced Milk (whole and low-fat)
- Acidophilus (1% and 2%)

Nut and rice (or other grains such as oat) milks are not allowed







Types of yogurt issued are dependent on the age of the Participant

- Children 1-2 years of age are typically issued whole milk yogurt, unless a different type of yogurt is medically necessary or requested by the participant
- Children 2 years of age and over, pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women are typically
  issued low-fat or nonfat yogurt unless a different type of yogurt is medically necessary or
  requested by the participant

Yogurts NOT allowed include:

- Drinkable
- "Light"
- Sweetened with honey or stevia

## Legume Benefit

Legumes Include:

- Dry beans
- Dry peas
- Lentils
- Canned beans
- Peanut butter

Participants have the following options to redeem their legume benefit:

- Peanut Butter 16-18 oz. jar (1)
- Dry Beans, Peas, and Lentils 16 oz (1 lb) bag (1)
- 4 cans of beans 14-16 oz size
  - Once one can of beans has been purchased the remaining legume benefit must be redeemed with only canned beans



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## WIC Tailors Food Packages to Participants

Infant Food Packages

- 0-6 months
  - Infant formula as listed on the participant's benefit list
- 6-11 months
  - Infant formula
  - Infant cereal
  - Infant fruits and vegetables
  - Infant meats (for exclusively breastfed infants only)
  - Fruits and vegetables up to \*\$8.00 cash value benefit (CVB) depending on their food package





Toddler Food Package 12-24 months

- Cheese
- Yogurt (whole milk)
- Whole milk
- Eggs
- Cereal
- Legumes
- Whole grains
- Fruits and vegetables \$9.00\* cash value benefit (CVB) \*temporarily increased to \$24
- Single strength juice

Child Food Package 2-5 years:

- Cheese
- Lowfat yogurt
- Milk 1%, skim, or fat-free, or any milk alternative
- Eggs
- Cereal

- Legumes
- Whole grains
- Fruits and vegetables \$9.00\* cash value benefit (CVB)
   \*temporarily increased to \$25
- Single strength juic

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Pregnant and Postpartum Women's food package

- Cheese
- Lowfat yogurt
- Milk 1%, skim, or fat-free
- Eggs
- Cereal
- Legumes
- Whole grains (pregnant women only)
- Fruits and vegetables \$11\* cash value benefit (CVB) \*temporarily increased to \$44
- Frozen juice concentrate or 46 oz. shelf-stable juice



Breastfeeding Women's food package

- Cheese
- Lowfat yogurt
- Milk 1%, skim, or fat-free
- Eggs
- Cereal
- Legumes
- Canned fish
- Whole grains (pregnant women only)
- Fruits and vegetables \$11\* cash value benefit (CVB) \*temporarily increased to \$49
- Frozen juice concentrate or 46 oz. shelf-stable juice





Homeless food package

- Convenience pack juice
- UHT milk
- Additional quantity of canned beans or peanut butter in lieu of eggs
- Cereal
- Whole grains
- Fruits and vegetables \$11.00\* cash value benefit (CVB) \*temporarily increased to \$44
  for pregnant women and \$49 for breastfeeding women
- Ready to feed infant formula



# **WIC Transactions**

- WIC shopping
- UPC submissions
- Claims procedure

# WIC Shopping



- WIC food benefits are issued to Participants on an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card
  - WIC Participants must set a PIN on the EBT card prior to shopping
- Participants are given their shopping list (food benefit package) and information about WIC foods at their WIC Clinic
- Shopping for WIC foods can be difficult at times and Participants may need assistance while in the store
- Participants must swipe their WIC Card before their SNAP Card

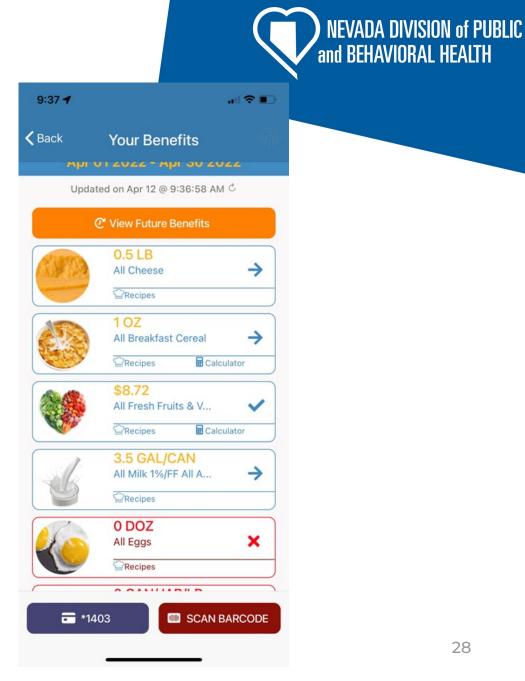
# WICShopper App

- Scan barcodes to see if the item is WIC allowable, and for participants to see if they have it on their benefits
- If you can't scan the barcode enter the UPC
- My Benefits shows participants what benefits they have
- Cooking Matters tips for cooking WIC foods
- Yummy Recipes look for recipes
- WIC Allowable foods description of all foods allowed on WIC
- Developmental Milestones What children should be able to do
- Talk, Read, Sing! Songs and stories
- Life Hacks
- Get Help Contact the WIC office
- Rate or give feedback Provide comments and ratings
- I can't buy this Scan product and submit it for addition
- WIC Stores A list of all Nevada WIC Authorized Stores



# WICShopper App

- The WICShopper App shows a balance of benefits each participant has left for the month
- This participant has .5 lbs of cheese available there's also recipes for cheese
- 1 oz of cereal that benefit will not be able to be redeemed
- There's \$8.72 left to purchase fruits or vegetables – click on the calculator to add prices
- There's 3.4 gallons of 1% or fat free milk available
- This participant has no eggs left for purchase





# **Processing eWIC**

All store Point of Sale (POS) systems work differently. To lessen the chance of possible issues at the cash register it is important to:

- Scan ALL items individually
- If an item does not scan as WIC eligible the Participant must be given the option to pay by another method (SNAP, debit, or cash) or remove the item prior to the finalization of the transaction
- Cash Value Benefit (CVB) if a purchase exceeds the dollar amount available, the Participant has the option to pay the difference or not purchase the items





# **Scanning Produce for CVB**

Nevada WIC will be formulating policy around produce mapping, but until the policy is approved, please use this process:

- If there is not a UPC or PLU to scan please key in the PLU – 4469 or scan the barcode found on the cashier card
- The PLU can be used for fresh produce only, for items without a UPC code in the WIC APL
- Cash Value Benefit is for fruits and vegetables, canned, frozen or fresh





# **Transaction Procedure**

- REMEMBER! Cashiers must scan every item a Participant brings to the register
- If a scanned WIC food does not go through, tell the Participant what the error message states
  - Be courteous!
  - If possible, offer the Participant the option to take a photo of the error message. This will help to resolve the problem.
  - Ensure each item is scanned individually
  - <u>Least expensive brand</u> is <u>NO LONGER</u> a Nevada WIC requirement.





# Scanning Issues

If a known WIC approved food is suddenly not scanning

Here are the troubleshooting steps:

- Store Staff need to contact the store's IT Department and report the error
- Verify the Approved Product List (APL) file downloaded correctly
- The APL should be downloaded nightly, as new products are added daily

If your store has a stand beside device to process WIC transactions, staff must contact the FIS Helpdesk at 877-291-0433. Location ID is listed on the terminal. Remember to download the APL file NIGHTLY on stand beside devices.





# Balancing

- Each business day, Vendors must balance or reconcile their transaction receipts. If Vendors discover that the net values or amounts of these items do not match, it could be an out of balance situation
- If an out of balance situation is discovered a claim/adjustment request must be filed



#### **Claim Adjustment in Integrated Stores**

How do I file a claim/adjustment request?

- Stores with an integrated POS system will need to contact their third-party processor for assistance
- The error must be reported within four (4) calendar days of the transaction date to file an adjustment request
  - If the error is not reported within four (4) calendar days of the transaction, the request may be denied



#### **Claim Adjustment with Stand Beside Terminals**

How do I file a claim/adjustment request?

- Call the FIS Helpdesk at 877-291-0433 within four (4) calendar days of the transaction date to file an adjustment request
  - If the error is not reported within four (4) calendar days of the transaction, the request may be denied
- This FIS Helpdesk will collect the necessary information regarding the transaction, including a copy of the receipt and will submit an adjustment request on the Vendor's behalf

## Vendor Rights and Responsibilities

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#### Vendor Rights and Responsibilities

- Courtesy
- Complaints
- Vendor Incentive Items
- Sanctions
- Minimum Stocking Requirements
- Training

- Newsletter
- Infant Formula Suppliers
- Routine Monitor Overview
- Vendor Tools and References
- Records Retention
- Communication

#### Courtesy



- Treat WIC Participants with the same courtesy and respect given to any other customer
  - Do not mention the shopper is a WIC participant
- Participants may not be discriminated against because they are on WIC
- WIC Participants must be able to shop at your store during the store's regular business hours
- WIC Participants must treat Vendors with courtesy



#### **Restrictions on Incentive Items**

Use of the WIC Logo in advertisement, on signs or banners is strictly prohibited

Incentive items offered to all shoppers/customers are allowed and should be provided to all WIC participants

The following incentives are allowed and will not be considered soliciting WIC Participants if offered to all shoppers:

- The use of coupons
- Buy one/get one free
- Store membership/discounts
- Store club cards
- Employee discount cards for store employees who are WIC Participants



#### **Minimum Stocking Requirement**

Minimum stocking requirements are available on the website:

Flexibility for minimum stock during shortages and recalls

https://nevadawic.org/vendors/trainingresource-materials/

Or

Email DPBHWICVendor@health.nv.gov

- If there are supply chain issues or shortages, Nevada WIC may temporarily waive minimum stocking requirements
  - These waivers will be announced via email

Vendors are required to meet minimum stocking requirements at all times





Attending annual training is a requirement from the vendor agreement

- A representative from your store must attend
- Information must be shared with all staff
- Attendance must be documented

• A quarterly newsletter is emailed to store management or corporate representative

Newsletter

• Acknowledgement of the receipt and distribution of the newsletter is required



# Ways to Document

- Sign in sheet scanned and emailed
- Emailed affidavit by management or corporate rep
- If you email acknowledgment
  - Please note the full name of the store; not just the number
  - Please also use your full name (first and last)
- All documentation must include the full name of the store (chain and number), and the first and last name of the person submitting documentation and the first and last name of each attendee

## Infant Formula



All Vendors MUST carry the required contract Infant Formulas

Milk Based: Similac Advance UPC 070074559582 (12 cans, 12.4 oz minimum stock)

Soy Based: Similac Soy Isomil UPC 070074559643 (5 cans, 12.4 oz minimum stock)



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## **Infant Formula Suppliers**



Vendors MUST purchase Infant Formula from a provider listed on the Authorized Infant Formula Supplier List

- Ensures an authentic product is being sold to WIC participants
- Helps prevent counterfeit formula sales
- This requirement protects both the Participant and the Vendor

#### Sanctions

Sanctions can be imposed for different violations:

- Failure to maintain minimum stocking requirements
- Selling unauthorized foods
- Returning WIC purchases for cash or exchanging for different items
- Overcharging for WIC items
- Failure to keep at least one WIC lane open at all times
- Failure to maintain or provide purchase records for infant formula
- If a deficiency is identified during a routine monitor or compliance buy sanction points may be assigned
- Other areas as outlined in the Vendor Sanction Schedule found here: <u>https://nevadawic.org/vendors/</u>







Appealing Sanctions or Civil Money Penalties

A Vendor may request an administrative appeal for the following:

- Denial of a Vendor's application to become an authorized WIC Vendor
- Placement of the Vendor on probation
- Disqualification of the Vendor {except in cases of the reciprocal WIC disqualification as a result of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)}
- Not re-authorizing the Vendor





Appealing Sanctions or Civil Money Penalties

A Vendor may NOT request an administrative appeal for the following:

- The validity of the State Agency's Vendor limiting or selection criteria
- The validity of the State Agency's Vendor peer group criteria
- The validity of the State Agency's participant access criteria and determinations
- The State Agency's determination whether a vendor had an effective policy and program in effect to prevent trafficking

Details on appeals and the appeal process may be found here: <u>https://nevadawic.org/vendors/</u>





Appealing Sanctions or Civil Money Penalties

If you disagree with a decision impacting your WIC Agreement you may request a Fair Hearing by writing within fifteen days of the decision to:

> WIC Program Manager c/o Blanca Ayala Division of Public and Behavioral Health, WIC Program 400 W. King St., Ste 305 Carson City, NV 89703 Email: <u>blancaayala@health.nv.gov</u>



## **Routine Monitor Overview**

Routine monitors are performed for both randomly chosen and high-risk stores. High-risk stores are determined by a variety of factors, including unusually high pricing, many items redeemed at the same price, participant complaints and other items.

- WIC staff conducting the monitor will walk the store
- Some of the items they will be looking for include:
  - WIC Accepted Here decals on the entrance doors
  - Stocking levels
  - Shelf prices
  - Current posted health permit
- Vendors are required to provide a copy of Infant Formula invoices

## **Records Retention**

Vendors must retain records for a period of:

- Five years from the expiration of the agreement;
- The termination of the agreement;
- Or final payment under the agreement

Records include:

- Books
- Accounts
- Reports
- Files
- Purchase invoices for all WIC foods
- Inventory records
- Records used for federal tax reporting
- Any other records relating to the performance of the agreement

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#### Communication



Please ensure the Nevada State WIC office has a current, valid, regularly checked email address for your store

- There are critical communications that must be received and responded to in a timely manner
- A valid shipping address is needed for mailing supplies and other communications





## COMPLAINTS



## Complaints

Complaint forms are available to both Participants and Vendors

Complaints may include, but are not limited to:

- Participants trying to return food purchased with WIC benefits for a cash refund
- Participants who are verbally or physically abusive



- Vendors not meeting minimum stock requirements
- Vendors denying Participants WIC approved food items
- Vendors treating WIC Participants with a lack of courtesy or violating Participant's confidentiality



## **Filing Complaints**

To file a complaint, please complete the complaint form via the Nevada WIC website: <u>https://nevadawic.org/contact/feedback-and-complaint-submission/</u>

The form can be found under the "Contact" tab. Please list is much information as possible.

You may also call the Nevada State WIC office at 775-684-5942 to file a complaint.

To file a complaint with ITCN WIC please complete the complaint form via the ITCN website: <u>https://itcnwic.org/</u>



#### **Vendor Tools and References**



# The Nevada WIC Website

#### https://nevadawic.org/

The Nevada WIC Website has numerous features for vendors:

- The WIC UPC Database with simplified search capabilities
  - Search WIC foods by categories, subcategories, item description or UPC
- Vendor Alerts with current information on the Nevada WIC Program
- Current and past issues of the newsletter in English and Spanish
- A recorded version of this training in English and Spanish
- UPC Submissions
- Ordering form
  - Door signs
  - Lane Markers
  - Shelf tags

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#### Vendors

How to become a WIC Approved Vendor

Nevada WIC UPC Database

Approved Food List and Brochures

Vendor Alerts

#### Welcome to the New Nevada WIC Vendor Page!

Find a WIC Clinic Find a WIC Store

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Vendors



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## **UPCs and Vendors**

- Manufacturers often change packaging including the UPC. Nevada WIC staff work diligently to keep the APL file and website current
- Submit new UPCs to the State WIC Office. If Nevada WIC does not have the new UPC/PLU, it cannot be added to the APL file
- Your assistance is key in keeping the APL file updated with new WIC eligible items



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#### Submitting a UPC Request

Steps to take when submitting a UPC request to the State WIC Office:

- Complete the UPC Request form
- Include a clear image of the product label showing the name, ingredient list and size
- A photo of the UPC barcode, ensuring all 12 digits are included
- Submit via the Nevada WIC Website

or

• Send the submission via fax to : 775-684-4246

or

 Send an email to the State WIC Office using the Vendor email address: <u>DPBHWICVendor@health.nv.gov</u>



#### NEVADA WIC VENDOR UPC/PLU REQUEST FORM

Complete all sections of this form to add a product to the WIC approved UPC list and include the following:

- 1. Attach a copy of the product label, this must include the product name, size and ingredient list.
- 2. Attach a copy of the product UPC barcode all 12 digits must be listed and legible.
- 3. Fax or email this completed form, copy of label and barcode to:

#### Fax: NV State WIC Program 775/684-4246

E-mail: Vendor Services WICGeneral@health.nv.gov

		Vendor Informatio	n	
Store/Distribut	or Name		Store Number	
Address			Phone Number	
City			Fax Number	
		Product Informatio	n	
Food Item Nam	ne and Type:		Item Price	
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INCOMPLETE FORMS AND REQUESTS THAT FAIL TO INCLUDE COPIES OF LABELS, UPC BARCODES WILL NOT BE PROCESSED



# **UPC/PLU Request Form**

### **UPC Reminders**

- Nevada WIC adds new items and updates to the Nevada WIC UPC Database on a monthly basis
- Nevada WIC UPC Database can be accessed at:

#### http://nevadawic.org/vendors

- The document may be exported
- A category and subcategory MUST be selected in order to download the database



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#### Nevada WIC Approved Foods

Search by UPC or It	em Description	Q Categories	✓ Subcategories		~
umber of resu	ults: 12,470			Б	opert CSV
UPC	Category	Subcategory	Item Description	Size	UOM
011110032379	Fruits and Vegetables	Canned Vegetables	Simple Truth Organic no salt added super sweet corn	15	oz
041130289859	Fruits and Vegetables	Frozen Vegetables	Shoppers Value Whole Kernel Corn	1	lb
041130289873	Fruits and Vegetables	Frozen Vegetables	Shoppers Value Green Peas	1	lb
041130289866	Fruits and Vegetables	Frozen Vegetables	Shoppers Value Mixed Vegetables	1	lb
011384232123	Yogurt	Whole	Zoi Greek Lemon Cream	32	oz

# WIC Approved Shelf Tags

- The use of WIC Approved shelf tags is strongly encouraged. They are an excellent tool for both Vendors and Participants
- Shelf tags help WIC participants identify WIC approved items at your store, lessening confusion at the register
- To order shelf tags contact the Nevada State WIC office or order online at: <u>http://nevadawic.org/vendor/Training &</u> <u>Resource Materials</u>

- The WICShopper App can be used to help determine if an item is WIC Approved ensuring correct shelf tag placement
- Shelf tags should be reviewed any time a store is reset or products are moved
- Store generated WIC Approved shelf tags are allowed



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#### Reauthorization

Reauthorization of your store's WIC agreement happens every three years

- The current authorization expires September 20, 2024
- Applications for October 1, 2024-September 30, 2027 will be available March 1, 2024
- Stores newly authorized during the period of time from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2024 are still required to submit reauthorization paperwork







# **Reporting Changes**

You MUST report changes:

- In ownership
  - The Vendor must notify the state at least thirty days before a change in ownership including a bankruptcy
  - The Agreement will terminate when the Vendor changes ownership and new agreement must be drafted
- In location
  - Thirty calendar days written notice is required before changing location

- Cessation of Operation
  - The Vendor agreement will be terminated when the Vendor ceases operation for any reason. Thirty calendar days written notice must be given.





#### **Important Reminders**

- All WIC sales are final
- All WIC purchases are tax exempt
- WIC foods may only be exchanged for the exact same foods and ONLY if the can/container is damaged or expired
- Participants should swipe their WIC card before their SNAP card
- Scan every item individually and let the system decide if it is WIC approved
- It is the responsibility of the store's staff to contact their IT department if a WIC food does not scan

- Participants are allowed to pay the difference for fruit and vegetable purchases exceeding their Cash Value Benefit (CVB)
- LEAST EXPENSIVE BRAND IS NO LONGER A NEVADA WIC REQUIREMENT
- Coupons MUST be accepted if presented
- Congress elected NOT to limit eligibility based on citizenship or immigration status
- Reauthorization is due in 2024

#### Thank You!



- The Nevada WIC Program values the partnership we have with all our Vendors
- Without strong Vendor partnerships WIC cannot serve families in Nevada
- The WIC Programs want to strengthen the partnerships with all WIC Vendors
- Nevada WIC Program staff welcome your ideas, input, and partnership on streamlining and enhancing the WIC shopping experience!

# **QUESTIONS?**



## **CONTACT INFORMATION**



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