

California WIC Program Vendor News December 2013



Vendor Annual Training Requirement 2014

Beginning in early 2014, all vendors will be required to complete Annual Training. This training does not replace the interactive classroom training vendors attend every three (3) years. The newly implemented Vendor Authorization Criteria states all authorized vendors must participate in annual training provided by the Department, and must certify completion of the Annual Training and their understanding of the materials. Vendor Authorization Criteria went into effect October 18, 2013. For more information please see WIC Regulatory Bulletin 2013-01: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Documents/Regulatory%20Bulletin/WIC-RegulatoryBulletin-2013-01-Attach1.pdf>

A link to the Annual Training PowerPoint presentation will be sent to you by email. You will have thirty (30) days to complete the training. In order to receive credit for completing your annual training requirement, you will need to take an assessment and return the completed certification form to the WIC Program. The Annual Training will be completed using your computer, no travel will be necessary. More information about Annual Training will be emailed to you soon!

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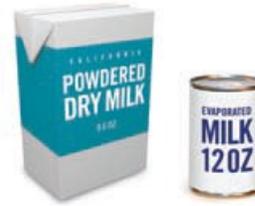
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Infant Fruits and Vegetables— Pouches

Shoppers are no longer allowed to purchase Infant Fruits and Vegetables sold in pouches with their Infant Fruits and Vegetables Food Instruments (FIs). Infant Fruits and Vegetables FIs issued on or after October 26, 2013 will bear the following statement: *****POUCHES NOT ALLOWED***** For more information please see Vendor Alert 2013-07: <http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/wicworks/Documents/VendorAlerts/WIC-Vendor-Alert-2013-07.pdf>



Evaporated and Powdered Dry Milk



Did you know?... Shoppers **CAN** purchase Evaporated and Powdered Dry Milk with their **FLUID MILK** WIC Food Instruments. According to the current WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide (July 5, 2011), shoppers can choose the following instead of fluid milk:

Evaporated Milk

(Available with the lower fat or whole milk check)

- 5 (12 oz.) cans with 1 gallon check
- 8 (12 oz.) cans with 1 1/2 gallon check

Powdered Dry Milk

(Available only with the lower fat milk check)

- 2 (9.6 oz.) boxes or pouches with 1 1/2 gallon check
- 1 (25.6 oz.) box or pouch with 2 gallon check

Email Collection

We have transitioned from paper-based to electronic communications. WIC Regulatory Bulletin 2013-01 requires vendors to have the ability to receive and send emails (W.R.B. §71200(b)). Vendor contract owners will receive a letter by mail from California WIC with a new secure login and password for the Vendor WIC Information eXchange (VWIX) system.

This new secure login will allow vendor contract owners to provide current email contact information to the WIC Program. If you have questions about the secure login and password, contact your Vendor Consultant, or contact the Vendor Management Branch toll free at (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867 or by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov

WIC Food Fill-In-The-Blank

Using the July 5, 2011 WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide, fill in the missing letters to complete each word. Words will be any authorized WIC food item. (Each space contains one letter. The key can be found at the bottom of the page.)

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| 1. S__RDI__ES | 5. SWE__T PO__ATO |
| 2. __N__AN ME__TS | 6. APP__E __AUCE |
| 3. B__NAN__S | 7. DI__ED TOMA__TOES |
| 4. __ROZEN __RUI TS | 8. __RIED FR__I__ |



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