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VENDOR ALERT 2007-13

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: REJECTED FOOD INSTRUMENTS (FIs) THAT ARE PAST 90 DAYS FROM FIRST DATE OF USE

Purpose I am writing to provide an update for vendors submitting rejected FIs to the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program for payment. This update outlines a specific condition under which a vendor will not be reimbursed for such FIs.

Vendor Implications As a result of implementation of recent federal requirements for FI redemption, vendors have encountered a number of instances where their FIs have been returned unpaid. Vendors have been mailing some of these to the WIC Program via the Program Integrity Unit for reconsideration. We receive numerous FIs past the date which they can be considered for payment. If we receive your request for reconsideration more than 90 days from the "First Date to Use" stated on the FI, the request will be denied. Therefore, it is important to look at the "First Date to Use" when determining whether or not to send the FI to us for reconsideration. Your assistance in this will allow the state staff more time to review FIs that may have a possibility of being approved for payment.

Questions If you have any questions, please contact your WIC Vendor Consultant directly or call (916) 928-8705.

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