WIC REGULATORY BULLETIN 2012-01

Subject: Adoption of Federal Mandatory Requirements

Date of Adoption: December 27, 2012

Purpose: To insure that the California Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is in conformity with all mandatory federal requirements in order to maintain funding for WIC.

Authority: California Health and Safety Code Section 123280.

Rule: The California Department of Public Health, which administers the California WIC Program, adopts the following rule into California regulation:

All persons and entities participating in the California WIC Program, including participants, local agencies, vendors and contractors, shall be subject to all the mandatory federal requirements contained in:

- The Child Nutrition Act of 1966 and the amendments thereto (Chapter 13A (commencing with Section 1786) of Title 42 of the United States Code
- Part 246 of Title 7 of the Code of Federal Regulations
- All federal memoranda and guidance letters clarifying and interpreting the federal laws and regulations as the requirements of the WIC Program

Mandatory requirements include all federal directive language and definitions. Federal directive language includes, but is not limited to, all requirements that the State Agency “must”, “shall”, or “will” meet and all requirements that do not permit discretion by the State agency.