PURPOSE:
To allow additional time for participants to use their food instruments during a disaster.

POLICY:
I. During a disaster CDPH/WIC may extend the "Last Day to Use" date on the food instruments (FIs) by up to 10 days.

II. Threshold Criteria
   A. The policy may be implemented during disasters when the following conditions are present:
      1. Participants were issued FIs before or during a disaster.
      2. Participants are unable to redeem the FIs because:
         a. WIC authorized vendors are closed due to a disaster.
         b. There is no access to a WIC authorized vendor due to transportation problems.
         c. It is unsafe for participants to go to a WIC authorized vendor.
         d. Any other disaster situation where the participants are unable to redeem food instruments at a WIC authorized vendor.

PROCEDURE(S):
I. The local agency must contact their CDPH/WIC regional staff to notify them of the disaster and request the extension.
II. CDPH/WIC may extend the “Last Day to Use” date on the FIs by up to 10 days, during a disaster.

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