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TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: FRESH BANANAS WILL NOT BE INCLUDED ON COMBINATION FIs
FOR INFANT FOODS

This is to inform you that the WIC Program will not begin printing the food category fresh bananas on FIs in combination with infant cereal, infant fruits and vegetables, or infant meats on April 5, 2010. The WIC Program will inform you at some point in the future if fresh bananas will be printed in combination with these other infant foods.

This change had previously been announced in Vendor Alert 2010-1, entitled "Revised WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide, Revisions to Food Instruments, Effective April 5, 2010", under the heading "What's New: Food Instruments", which stated that "Also beginning April 5, 2010, the food categories of infant cereal, infant fruits and vegetables, and fresh bananas will be printed on a single FI. Some additional FIs will include these three food categories plus the infant meats food category."

Please be aware that the April 5, 2010 version of the WIC Authorized Food List Shopping Guide will not be amended and will continue to list the food category of Fresh Bananas. Also, the Vendor Minimum Stocking Requirements effective on April 5, 2010 will not be amended and will continue to require that vendors stock 4 fresh, yellow bananas.

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

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