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VENDOR ALERT 2014 - 01

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS
SUBJECT: UPCOMING CHANGES TO WIC FOOD INSTRUMENT CHECK STOCK

Purpose The California Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program is announcing changes that will affect check stock used for WIC Food Instruments (FIs). Changes to the FIs include updated and new security features. FIs printed on the new check stock will be available for redemption by participants as early as March 1, 2014.

Background Beginning as early as March 1, 2014, WIC Local Agencies will start receiving the new check stock. Though the check stock is being updated with new security features, participants can continue to redeem FIs printed on previous check stock. WIC Local Agencies may issue FIs on non-updated checks until their supply is finished.

Check Stock Changes Updated FIs will look very similar to previous FIs, with the exception of the following features:

- The face of the check will have a “VOID” NaNOcopy pantograph, which is a micro-text in the background.
- The word “VOID” will not spill over on to the rectangular box where vendors can write in the “Exact Purchase Price” at the transaction.
- The back of the FI at the bottom left contains the California WIC Logo printed with red Thermochromic ink. The ink will disappear when firmly touched and when the temperature is above 86 degrees Fahrenheit. The logo will reappear after contact ends and when the temperature decreases.

Action for Vendors Participants may redeem FIs printed on the updated check stock as early as March 1, 2014. Vendors will continue to see FIs printed on previous checks and vendors should continue to honor previous check stock until the supplies are finished.

Questions If you have any questions, contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867. You may also contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.

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