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 VENDOR ALERT 2022-09

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS
 SUBJECT: MANDATORY SHELF PRICE SUBMISSION

Purpose Vendor Alert 2022-09 is a 30-Day Notice for the Mandatory Vendor Shelf Price Submission Period.

The California Department of Public Health/Women, Infants, and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is notifying all WIC authorized vendors that they must submit shelf prices for the period **October 15, 2022, through October 29, 2022**. Vendors are required to submit to CDPH/WIC their current lowest and highest shelf prices for 11 WIC authorized food items in the Market Basket. Visit the CDPH/WIC Grocers page to view [a listing of the Market Basket contents](#).

Background On October 17, 2013, the California WIC Vendor Authorization Criteria became effective, requiring vendors to comply with WIC Bulletin Regulations (W.B.R) §70600, Competitive Price Criteria. Competitive Price Criteria requires vendors to submit their shelf prices to the Department.

Authority Federal regulations (7 C.F.R. §246.11(g)(4)(ii)(B)) and State regulations W.B.R §70600 require the Program to collect vendor shelf prices every six months to evaluate vendor compliance with cost containment measures. Federal regulation 7 C.F.R. §246.11(h)(3)(xxv) requires vendors to comply with the vendor selection criteria throughout the agreement period, including any changes to the criteria.

Action for Vendors Vendors must collect shelf prices between October 15, 2022, and October 29, 2022. Vendors must submit their shelf prices through the Shelf Price Submission system in the online Vendor WIC Information eXchange (VWIX) system by **November 14, 2022**. Vendors must log into VWIX to enter and submit the required shelf price information.



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DATES	ACTIONS FOR VENDORS
14-Day Vendor Price Collection Period October 15, 2022 – October 29, 2022	Vendors must collect their lowest and highest shelf prices for the 11 WIC authorized food items in the Market Basket.
30-Day Vendor Price Submission Period October 15, 2022 – November 14, 2022	Using the <i>Shelf Price Submission</i> tab in VWIX, vendors must enter and submit the shelf prices collected during the 14-Day Vendor Price Collection Period. Vendors can submit shelf prices until 11:59 p.m. on November 14, 2022 .

For further information, refer to the [Shelf Price Submission-Frequently Asked Questions](#), and [Shelf Price Submission-Vendor User Guide](#)

Important Update for Vendors

The CDPH/WIC will be implementing a new Vendor Portal to replace the current Vendor WIC Information eXchange (VWIX). The replacement will take place in the next few months. No action by Vendors is required at this time. Please monitor future Vendor Alerts for required actions and more information about the new Vendor Portal.

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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