



VENDOR UPDATE

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Processing WIC Checks

Please be reminded that it is the cashier's responsibility to have the WIC customer sign the WIC check upon the conclusion of the transaction. Some Maryland WIC Local Agencies receive frequent requests from vendors asking them to contact WIC clients that did not sign their checks. As a courtesy, our Local Agencies do attempt to contact their clients. However, we do not want this to become routine practice. Vendors with a high number of unsigned checks will be required to attend mandatory training.

You are also reminded that checks accepted prior to or after the spend dates will not be paid.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT (LAST-FIRST M.I.)		CHECK
DOE, JANE		171
LAST DATE TO SPEND	May 31, 2004	CASHIER AMOUNT
		DOLLAR

New Product Alert

Skippy has introduced a new natural peanut butter that does not require stirring. This product is available in creamy and chunky varieties. This new product is authorized for WIC purchase. You are, however, reminded that the 2004 Maryland WIC Authorized Foods Lists specifically indicates that peanut butters that require stirring (Smuckers, etc.) are not allowed. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Maryland WIC Program at 1-800-242-4WIC (4942).



WIC Vendor Advisory Committee

A survey was sent out in June to evaluate vendor interest in participating in a Maryland WIC Vendor Advisory Committee. Seventy-five percent of Maryland WIC authorized store owners expressed an interest in participating in regularly scheduled meetings. The overwhelming choice for conducting such meetings was videoconference. Look for an announcement in Spring 2007 announcing the first WIC Vendor Advisory Committee meeting date. Remember, your participation is valued and your participation is encouraged. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



Annual Vendor Training

The Annual Vendor Training schedule was mailed to all WIC authorized vendors in September. Videoconferencing will again be employed to conduct the majority of the scheduled sessions. Annual Training is a mandatory requirement for WIC authorized vendors (chains may be represented by a designated individual). Please submit the registration form provided with the schedule indicating the



desired date and location. Space is limited, so please register as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.

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Cashier Training Schedule

The following Cashier Training dates are available this Fall:

Garrett County	November 2
Charles County	November 29
Montgomery County	December 4
Allegany County	December 5
Carroll County	December 29



To take advantage of this training, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or toll free at 1-800-242-4WIC (4942).

Moving or Selling Your Store?

If you are moving or selling your store, please notify the Maryland WIC Program at least 15 days in advance. **Selling your store does not transfer your WIC authorization!** The new owner must apply to the Maryland WIC Program for authorization.

You are also required to return your WIC vendor stamps to the Maryland WIC Program. If you have questions, or plan to sell or relocate your store, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



WIC Vendor Stamps

Do you need to replace your WIC Vendor Stamp? Stamps may be ordered from the Maryland Rubber Stamp Company. Contact Brenda or Barbara at 410-342-9100.

Additionally, please take care to clean your stamps when needed, and refill the ink chamber so that your WIC vendor number is legible. If you have any questions, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251 or call 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.



Vendor Feedback

We want to make your participation in the WIC Program a rewarding experience. **WE NEED YOU!** Your input is valued and strongly encouraged. If you have suggestions or comments, please feel free to contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258 or 1-800-242-4WIC (4942) toll free.

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