



# Vendor Update

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## WIC Authorized Foods

This office is currently in the process of developing a revised WIC Authorized Foods List. **The new list should be in stores this Fall with official implementation scheduled for January 1, 2004. Until that time, the current Authorized Foods List remains in effect!** The New food items were included in the revised Vendor Manual in anticipation of the revised Authorized Foods List. We apologize if this caused confusion. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258.



## Annual Vendor Training

A schedule of Annual Vendor Training sessions being offered this year was mailed to all authorized vendors. Code of Maryland Regulation (COMAR) 10.54.03.15B(1)(i) requires a vendor to accept training from the WIC Program as required by the Program. **In accordance with COMAR, a vendor failing to attend Annual Vendor Training may lose WIC authorization for 1 year. Please contact Frances McRae-Washington at 410-767-5433 or 800-242-4WIC at least five days before the session you elect to attend.** You may fax notification to 410-333-5243 or 410-333-5683 or send an email to [mcraef@dnhm.state.md.us](mailto:mcraef@dnhm.state.md.us).



## Training Video

We have just finished production of a new Training Video intended to provide instruction to cashiers for handling WIC transactions. The video covers a wide variety of topics and answers questions most frequently asked by store personnel. A VHS copy of the video will be provided to all stores. Spanish and Korean language versions of the video will also be available upon request. Additionally, the video will also be provided in DVD upon request. You should receive your copy by the end of October/early November. We hope you find the video a valuable training aid.



## New Product Alert



Skippy® peanut butter in squeezable tubes is **not** allowed. Maple Brown Sugar Mini-Wheats and Cinnamon Crispix are **not** allowed. Please note that Kraft Deli Deluxe® and some store brands of American pasteurized processed cheese are now being packaged in individually wrapped slices. **Do not assume that all individually wrapped slices are cheese food!** Please check the package. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258.

## WIC Vendor Stamps



Need a new stamp? Stamps may be ordered from the Maryland Rubber Stamp Company at 410-342-9100. Ask for Brenda or Barbara. 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.

# Fall Cashier Training

The following cashier training dates are available through the end of the year:

Frederick County	September 8
Harford County	September 9
Montgomery County	September 10
Baltimore County	September 25
Howard County	September 23
Allegany County	September 29
Garrett County	October 9
Caroline County	October 10
Howard County	October 28
Carroll County	November 3
Cecil County	November 5
P.G. County	November 13
Wicomico County	November 19
Frederick County	December 1
Johns Hopkins WIC	December 2
Baltimore City	December 5
Allegany County	December 8
Queen Anne's County	December 9
Montgomery County	December 10
Baltimore County	December 18

*Pre-registration is required for all attendees. Contact Ms. Frances McRae-Washington at 410-767-5433 at least 5 days in advance.*

## WIC Vendor Window Signs

The Maryland WIC Program Vendor window sign has been redesigned. Two new signs were sent to all stores earlier this month. The sign is reversible; one side is in English, the other in Spanish. You may choose to display one sign, or both. **However, we ask that you discontinue use of the old sign.** If you only utilize one of the signs, please keep the other as a spare. Suction cup clips were also provided to utilize for hanging the sign in store windows. Please remember that your Vendor Agreement and **State Regulations require you to post the sign in a conspicuous place in your store.** If



you did not receive your signs, please contact JoAnn McGowen at 410-767-5251. Also, we did not have enough suction cup clips on hand to send all stores two. We have ordered more. If you need another clip, give JoAnn a call. We hope you are pleased with the new sign!

## Store Receipts



WIC regulations require a receipt indicating the name of the store, date, and dollar amount of the purchase be provided at the time of purchase. Violation of this provision will result in (1) Written warning following each violation; (2) Suspension of authorization for 6 months for five violations of the same provisions within a 2-year period; (3) Suspension of authorization for 6 months for a combination of 15 violations within a 2-year period

## 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.

## 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.

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