



STATE OF MARYLAND

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Martin O'Malley, Governor – Anthony G. Brown, Lt. Governor – Joshua M. Sharfstein, M.D., Secretary

IMPORTANT NOTICE

June 1, 2012

Dear WIC Pharmacy:

Due to the number of pharmacies that are WIC authorized and the need to assure that appropriate cost containment levels are maintained, the Maryland WIC Program will restrict retailers designated as "WIC Pharmacy Only" to the sale of infant formula. This means that even if a pharmacy carries other WIC food items such as milk, eggs, cheese, or cereal, these items may not be sold for pharmacies that are authorized as "WIC Pharmacy Only." **This policy will become effective on July 1, 2012.**

We are giving pharmacies that carry expanded food offerings the opportunity to become authorized as food/pharmacy vendors. As such, you will be required to meet all vendor requirements for the program including maintaining the Required Minimum Stock at all times and report the highest shelf price for WIC food items semi-annually and you will be subject to routine compliance monitoring.

This policy will become effective on July 1, 2012. Should you desire to become authorized as a food/pharmacy combination, you must submit a WIC Vendor application to change your authorization status. Vendor applications can be found at www.mdwic.org or, you can contact any of the WIC vendor staff personnel below. You can also opt to wait until your current authorization period is up for renewal. **Should you desire to remain authorized as a "WIC Pharmacy Only", do not accept WIC checks that prescribe food items other than infant formula after July 1, 2012.**

Please be advised that your decision will be applicable to the entire chain. If you have any questions, please contact James A. Butler at 410-767-5258, Siwon Lee at 410-767-5433, Tiasha Taylor at 410-767-3519, or Maura Shea at 410-767-5251. You may also reach us toll-free at 1-800-242-4WIC (4942).

Sincerely,

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Director
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cc: WIC Local Agencies

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