



# ARIZONA WIC ALERT

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## Refrigerated Orange/Grapefruit Juice 64 Ounce Containers

The Arizona WIC Program has received numerous inquiries regarding manufacturers of refrigerated orange juice changing the size of their containers from 64 to 59 ounces. This WIC Alert will serve as a reminder that the Arizona WIC Program only allows juice in 64 ounce, refrigerated and shelf stable; and 11.5 – 12 ounce frozen concentrate containers.

Several juice manufacturers have reduced their refrigerated juice containers from 64 ounces to 59 ounces. When this occurs, their products are no longer eligible to be purchased by WIC customers using their food instruments. Most recently, Minute Maid reduced all varieties of their 64 ounce containers of orange juice to 59 ounces. Please be advised that these items are no longer WIC authorized.

Our food packages are designed to provide WIC participants with the maximum allowable food items that they are eligible to receive. Reducing the amount to accommodate the 59 ounce container will not allow the maximum amount of juice to be issued to the participant, would require federal approval, and over 1,000 food package changes to accommodate refrigerated juices (which only applies to two types of juice, orange and grapefruit).

The participant does have options for purchasing orange juice, which include: some 64 ounce refrigerated store brands, the 11.5 -12 ounce frozen concentrate containers (which is a required item for all WIC Vendors), and the shelf stable containers.

The WIC customer may also purchase authorized juice in different flavors. Please refer to the Juice Section (pages 17-18) of the Arizona WIC Programs Food List.

If a WIC customer brings a 59 ounce refrigerated orange juice to the register, please advise them that it is not an authorized item and offer to replace it with an alternate authorized WIC approved juice of their choice.

If you have any questions regarding this WIC Alert or need technical assistance, please contact any member of the Vendor Management Team at 1-866-737-3935.

For complaints or concerns please contact the Arizona WIC Complaint Hotline at 1-866-229-6561 or via email at: [azwiccomplaints@azdhs.gov](mailto:azwiccomplaints@azdhs.gov).



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