



SPECIAL ARIZONA WIC ALERT

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOOD LIST AND WIC IDENTIFICATION CHANGES

The Arizona WIC Program, in coordination with the Inter Tribal Council of Arizona, Inc. and the Navajo Nation WIC Programs, has revised the food packages and the Arizona WIC Programs Food List. The changes to the Food List are a direct result of the WIC Food Package Final Rule that was published on March 4, 2014. The revised Food List will become **effective on April 1, 2015**. The Arizona WIC Program has also made policy changes to the WIC identification options.

Food List/Food Package Changes

The WIC Program will be:

- Adding several items to the Food List such as yogurt, whole wheat pasta, one (1) brand of soy milk, one (1) type of cereal, and three (3) additional brands of 100% whole wheat bread.
- Adding minimum stock requirements for yogurt, whole wheat pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, frozen fruits and vegetables.
- Changing the quantity for fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Changing the packaging size for tofu and dry legumes (beans, peas and lentils).
- Changing from specific brand of canned beans to any eligible brand.
- Changing from store brand to specific store brands for cereal, whole grains, and tofu.
- Changing from any eligible brand to brand specific for infant meat, fruits and vegetables.

The new Food Lists will be sent out to each authorized Vendor in a separate mailing. The new food list will replace the current Food List dated July 2013.

WIC Identification (ID) Folder - Arizona State-Issued Driver License/ID Card

The Arizona WIC Program has redesigned the WIC ID Folder. The ID Folder will be a tri-fold with a new brand design and smaller than the current ID Folder booklet.

As an option to the ID Folder and Proxy Certification form, the participant/authorized representative may use an Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card. The Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card **MUST** have a signature.

The Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card is **NOT** required to redeem WIC food instruments. The WIC ID Folder is sufficient documentation on its own, and Vendors **cannot** require participants/authorized representatives with a valid WIC ID Folder to produce any **ADDITIONAL ID** or other documentation.

NOTE: Due to tri-monthly issuance, a WIC participant/authorized representative may have either the blue ID Folder booklet **OR** the new WIC ID Folder. Please allow them to use either one when redeeming their WIC Benefits.



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Enclosed are the sections of the Vendor Manual that have been revised.

- **Section 2 – Foods:** Updated to include food package changes and minimum stock requirements.
- **Section 3 – Food Instruments:** Revised to include the verbiage for Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card.
- **Section 4 – WIC Identification:** Updated the ID Folder and included the Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card as an alternative to the WIC ID Folder and Proxy Certification form.
- **Section 5 – Cashing Food Instruments:** Revised to include the verbiage for Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card into the redemption procedures.
- **Section 9 – Violations and Sanctions:** Revised sanctions to reflect changes in the WIC Identification.
- **Section 11 – Appendix 1 – Training Aids:** Revised to include the verbiage for Arizona state-issued Driver License/ID card.

The above mentioned sections supersede any previous sections of the Arizona WIC Program Vendor Manual. Please review and share with all staff who handle WIC transactions.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this WIC Alert, please contact a member of the WIC Team at 1-866-737-3935.