



ARIZONA WIC ALERT

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FULL LINE GROCERY STORE REQUIREMENT

In January 2015, the Arizona WIC Program notified all authorized Vendors of changes to the Vendor Selection Criteria. The official notice was sent via a Special Arizona WIC Alert with changes becoming effective on January 31, 2015. One of the important changes included in the notice was regarding Business Operations.

Currently authorized Vendors who did not meet the new selection criteria were given the opportunity to become compliant with the new requirements by the expiration date of their Vendor Contract. Vendors were also advised that during the contract renewal process, the new criteria will be reviewed.

Business Operations

An applicant must be a full line grocery store and be a viable business that has been open for at least one (1) year prior to the submission of the Vendor application, Food Item Declaration and WIC Price Survey.

An on-site Review will be conducted to ensure that all applicants meet the full line grocery store criteria for the Federal Fiscal Year 2017, authorization process (June – July 2016). WIC Program staff will:

- Begin to visit stores in April 2016.
- Check to ensure that all current county health operating permits (Retail and Meat) are located onsite and posted in a conspicuous place.
- Check that all food items (including meat) are labeled and priced.

Attached for your convenience is additional information on the full line grocery store requirement. Please be aware that if your store is **NOT** a full line grocery store at the time of the on-site visit, your application to participate in the Arizona WIC Program may be denied. In addition, failure to meet **all** selection criteria will result in the denial of the Vendor Contract.

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.



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Requirements for Full Line Grocery Stores

An Applicant's store must be a full line grocery store that stocks, at a minimum:

1. Five (5) or more varieties with five (5) or more units* of each variety of **cereal**.
2. Four (4) or more varieties with five (5) or more units* of each variety of **bread/tortillas**.
3. Five (5) or more varieties with five (5) or more units* of each variety of fresh **dairy products**.
4. Seven (7) or more varieties with five (5) or more units* of each **fruit**.
5. Seven (7) or more varieties with five (5) or more units* of each **vegetable**.
6. Four (4) or more varieties with five (5) or more units* of each variety of **fresh meats/poultry/fish**. (Includes, different cuts of the same type of fresh meat [limited to two (2) different cuts of meat from the same variety].)

NOTE: The variety requirement cannot be met by stocking different brands or flavors of the same food items (i.e., a variety of fresh dairy products **does not** mean five (5) different brands of yogurt or five (5) different types of cheese, etc.).

*A unit is a single item in a broader category of food items (i.e., one (1) apple, one (1) container of milk, one (1) loaf of bread, one (1) bag/package/container of an item, etc.).

Below are **examples** of varieties for each food category (includes, but is not limited to):

Cereal (does not include infant cereal)

Shredded Wheat
Toasted Oats
Flakes (corn, wheat, rice, etc.)
Crispy Rice
Corn Puffs
Puffed Rice
Oatmeal
Cream of Wheat

Breads/Tortillas

Wheat (including 100%whole wheat)
Tortillas (corn or flour)
Rye
White
Multi-grain
Rolls, Buns
English Muffins
Whole or pre-sliced loaf

Fresh Dairy

Eggs
Cheese
Yogurt
Milk
Butter
Cottage Cheese
Buttermilk

Fresh Fruit

Apples
Oranges
Grapes
Kiwis
Melons (all varieties)
Cherries
Pineapple
Bananas
Berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries, etc.)

Fresh Vegetables

Lettuce
Tomatoes
Cucumbers
Onions
Potatoes (all varieties)
Bell Peppers (all varieties)
Yams/Sweet Potatoes
Chili Peppers (all varieties)
Spinach
Celery

Fresh Meats/Poultry/Fish

Chicken
Beef
Pork
Fish (all varieties)
Different cuts of the same type of meat, limited to two (2) different cuts of meat of the same variety (i.e., ground chicken + chicken breast will count as two varieties).