



Connecticut WIC Program Retailer Bulletin November 2023

The attached FY2024 WIC Vendor Agreement is now in effect.

Changes have been made to the WIC Vendor Agreement

The USDA has approved the Connecticut WIC State Plan for FY24, which includes changes to the WIC Vendor Agreement. If you do not wish to comply with these changes, please provide written notice that you wish to terminate your WIC vendor authorization. Please review the entire document and replace your current vendor agreement with the attached document. You must keep the attached Vendor Agreement with your WIC documents. The printing in red is the new language under the following sections:

APPENDIX E-DISQUALIFICATIONS, CIVIL MONEY PENALTIES AND FINES-STATE AGENCY-ESTABLISHED SANCTIONS

Attempt to provide any WIC-approved food item that is not listed as a minimum inventory requirement but printed on a WIC benefits list within 48 hours of the request (business days, not including holidays or weekends).

If the WIC Program determines that a disqualification would result in inadequate participant access, then a civil money penalty shall be assessed in lieu of disqualification for Federal Mandatory Sanctions numbered 2 through 10. ... The civil money penalty shall not exceed **eighteen thousand one hundred seventy one dollars (\$18,171)** for each violation. If multiple violations are revealed by a single investigation, the total civil money penalty shall not exceed **seventy two thousand six hundred eighty six dollars (\$72,686)**.

When a vendor who had previously been assessed a Federal Mandatory Sanction numbered 2 through 10 receives the same or another mandatory sanction, the WIC Program shall double the sanction for the second violation. Civil money penalties may also be doubled, but only to the extent of **eighteen thousand one hundred seventy one dollars (\$18,171)** per violation up to the maximum of **seventy two thousand six hundred eighty six dollars (\$72,686)** for multiple violations.

Fruit & Vegetable Benefit Increase

Starting October 1, 2023, WIC participants have received more benefits to buy fruits and vegetables. Depending on their category, WIC participants receive \$26, \$47 or \$52 to buy fresh, frozen, or canned fruits and vegetables.

Changed your email address or sold your store? Changed your store manager or primary store contact? Send any new information to dph.ptwic@ct.gov

Please review this bulletin with all store employees handling WIC transactions. Initial below and keep for your own records. **DO NOT SEND BACK TO WIC.**

Initial here:

_____ **Owner** _____ **Manager** _____ **Assistant Manager** _____ **Staff**

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the State WIC Office via email at: dph.ptwic@ct.gov, 1-800-741-2142, 860-509-8084. Website: www.ct.gov/dph/wic.

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.



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El Acuerdo de proveedor de WIC para el año fiscal 2024 adjunto ya está en efecto.

Se han hecho cambios al Acuerdo de Proveedor de WIC

El USDA ha aprobado el Plan Estatal de WIC de Connecticut para el año fiscal 24, que incluyó cambios en el Acuerdo de Proveedores de WIC. Si no desea cumplir con estos cambios, notifique por escrito que desea cancelar su autorización de proveedor de WIC. Revise todo el documento y reemplace su acuerdo de proveedor actual con el documento adjunto. Debe mantener el Acuerdo de Proveedor adjunto con sus documentos de WIC. La impresión en **rojo** es el nuevo idioma en las siguientes secciones:

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Aumento de los beneficios de frutas y verduras

A partir del 1 de octubre de 2023, los participantes de WIC han recibido más beneficios para comprar frutas y verduras. Dependiendo de su categoría, los participantes de WIC reciben \$26, \$47 o \$52 para comprar frutas y verduras frescas, congeladas o enlatadas.

¿Cambió su dirección de correo electrónico o vendió su tienda? ¿Cambió el gerente de su tienda o el contacto principal de la tienda? Envíe cualquier información nueva a dph.ptwic@ct.gov.

Revise este boletín con todos los empleados de la tienda que manejan las transacciones de WIC. Sus iniciales a continuación y guárdelo para sus propios registros en su carpeta de WIC. **POR FAVOR NO ENVIAR DE VUELTA A WIC.**

Iniciales aquí:

_____ **Dueño** _____ **Administrador** _____ **Asst. De Admin.** _____ **Personal**

Cuando tenga preguntas o inquietudes, comuníquese con la Oficina Estatal de WIC por correo electrónico al: dph.ptwic@ct.gov Website: www.ct.gov/dph/wic

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