



STATE OF MICHIGAN
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH
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GOVERNOR
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DIRECTOR

CERTIFIED LETTER

RE: Revised Minimum Inventory Requirements

Dear WIC Vendor:

Effective May 1, 2015, the Michigan WIC Program is changing its minimum inventory requirements. Below is a summary of the minimum inventory changes:

FRESH FRUITS & VEGETABLES

USDA recently notified all states that they must now allow white potatoes to be eligible for purchase with the WIC cash value benefit no later than July 1, 2015. The Michigan WIC Program has elected to implement this required change effective May 1, 2015. White potatoes include varieties like Idaho, russet, Yukon gold, yellow, red and fingerling.

White potatoes WILL NOT count toward the minimum inventory requirement. Vendors must carry at least 2 varieties of fruits and 2 varieties of vegetables with a combined \$25 retail value OR 10 pound minimum. Vendors that prefer to only meet the 10 pound requirement must make equipment available to weigh fruits and vegetables.

CLARIFICATIONS & REMINDERS

The PLU code 4469 is intended solely for the purchase of WIC approved fresh fruits and vegetables. The use of 4469 for any item other than WIC approved fresh fruits and vegetables is a serious violation, and may result in the termination from the WIC Program and from SNAP (Food Stamps).

Rules for selling fresh fruits and vegetables: For independent vendors, you must enter the 4469 PLU code and the dollar amount of the sale. If you try to scan a UPC for a package of fresh fruit or vegetables, the POS will return the "Not a WIC Item" error message. For chain vendors, follow the appropriate in-store procedure at the cash register for selling WIC fresh fruits and vegetables.

If a WIC client does not have enough benefits on their WIC EBT Bridge Card to purchase all the WIC approved fresh fruits and vegetables they've selected, they ARE allowed to pay the difference in any form of tender accepted by the vendor.

Enclosed is a copy of the WIC Vendor Minimum Stock Requirements sheet for your reference.

Please be certain you share this information with appropriate staff. If you have any questions, please contact your Vendor Relations Analyst at 517-335-8937.

Thank you for your continued support in providing nutritious WIC approved foods to eligible women, infants and children.

Sincerely,

Mike Perrelli, Vendor Relations Unit Coordinator
WIC Vendor Management & Operations Section

Enclosure: New WIC Vendor Minimum Stock Requirements Sheet – Effective May 1, 2015