From:	MDHHS-WICVendor
Subject:	WIC Update: Minimum Stock Requirements & WIC Vendor Selection Criteria
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Attachments:	WIC Vendor Minimum Stock Requirements_December_26_2018.pdf
	WIC Vendor Minimum Stock Requirements_July 1_2021.pdf
	WIC Vendor Selection Criteria_January_2018.pdf
	WIC Vendor Selection Criteria_July_1_2021.pdf
	List of Changes to Stocking Requirements_July_1_2021.pdf

Dear Vendor,

## Beginning July 1, 2021, the requirements will change for food items that Vendors must have in stock at all times.

Vendors have been responsible for maintaining stock according to two separate Michigan WIC policies: the <u>Minimum Stock Requirements</u> and the full-line grocery store requirement as provided in Item 13 of the <u>WIC Vendor Selection Criteria</u>.

To simplify Vendor obligations, Michigan WIC has:

- 1. Reorganized the <u>WIC Vendor Selection Criteria (new)</u> into three categories: All Vendors; Fullline Vendors; and Pharmacy Vendors.
- 2. Removed Item 13 (full-line grocer requirement) from the previous Selection Criteria.
- 3. Updated the <u>Minimum Stock Requirements (new</u>) to include stocking provisions from both of these policies.

Before finalizing revisions to the Minimum Stock Requirements, Michigan WIC published a video explanation of each of the proposed changes in our <u>February 11, 2021 Webcast – Updates for</u> <u>Michigan WIC Vendors</u>. Now that these changes have been approved and will take effect, the Michigan WIC Program has also made a <u>list</u> identifying changes to stocking requirements that will become effective on July 1, 2021. We hope that these resources will help Vendors understand the new requirements and how the changes may affect their stores.

The *current* Minimum Stock Requirements, *current* Selection Criteria, *updated* Minimum Stock Requirements, *updated* Selection Criteria, and a list of changes to WIC Vendor total stocking requirements are included as attachments to this email and are posted to <u>Michigan.gov/wicvendor</u>.

In accordance with the WIC Vendor Contract, Section III - Vendor Responsibilities, policy changes made during the contract period are part of your existing WIC Vendor Contract. Please keep these updated policies for your record.

If you have any questions, consider participating virtually in one of our upcoming <u>webcasts or</u> <u>forums</u>. You may also contact our office at 517-335-8937; or email <u>MDHHS-</u><u>WICVendor@michigan.gov</u>.

Sincerely,

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