

**From:** [MDHHS-WICVendor](#)  
**Subject:** WIC Vendor Policy Update - Expanded definition of "WIC-accepted supplier"  
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**Attachments:** [2.02 Vendor Selection Criteria\\_05.01.2022.pdf](#)  
[Vendor Contract\\_05.01.2022\\_Sample.pdf](#)  
[Pharmacy Contract\\_05.01.2022\\_Sample.pdf](#)  
[Sanction Schedule\\_05.01.2022.pdf](#)

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Dear Vendor,

MI-WIC Vendor Policy 2.02, the WIC Vendor Contract, the WIC Vendor Pharmacy Contract, and the WIC Vendor Sanction Schedule have been amended and approved by the Food and Nutrition Service (USDA-FNS) to expand the definition of a *WIC-accepted supplier* to allow Vendors to purchase WIC items from retailers, wholesalers and distributors outside of Michigan. These changes **go into effect May 1** and the definition for a WIC-accepted supplier now reads as follows:

*WIC-accepted supplier* means a supplier of WIC-approved foods and/or formulas that is:

1. A Michigan based wholesaler, distributor, or retailer that is licensed to distribute food by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD);
2. A non-Michigan based wholesaler, distributor, or retailer that is licensed to distribute food by the MDARD equivalent in the jurisdiction in which it is located;
3. A Michigan based pharmacy that is licensed by the Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA);
4. A non-Michigan based pharmacy that is licensed by the LARA equivalent in the jurisdiction in which it is located; or
5. A manufacturer that is registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

It is important to remember that it is the **Vendor's responsibility** to ensure the licensure status of all entities, both in and out of state and online, from which WIC items are purchased, and to maintain records for these purchases.

Please see the aforementioned documents, with updates, in the attachments to this email. As a reminder, all Vendor policies and supporting documents can be found on the **Vendor website** at [michigan.gov/WICVendor](http://michigan.gov/WICVendor). A direct link to all of our WIC Vendor policies can be found here: [MDHHS - Michigan WIC Vendor Policy](#).

As always, please feel free to contact the Vendor Relations Unit at [MDHHS-WICVendor@michigan.gov](mailto:MDHHS-WICVendor@michigan.gov) or by phone at (517) 335-8937 with any questions or concerns.

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