Dear Vendor,

Last week, Michigan WIC **adjusted reimbursements** to better consider the reality of **rising food and operational costs**. As with any system change, you should make sure you have the latest version of Michigan WIC Approved Products List (APL). We wish to thank the Vendors who have stepped forward to share their experiences with WIC reimbursements during monitoring visits, quarterly calls, and webcasts, and via surveys.

Our office is especially appreciative of each of you who took the time to collect your purchase and sales records and submit them for us to review. Your records are invaluable as our data and system professionals seek to make adjustments that are firmly grounded in real, first-hand data.

The recent adjustments to WIC Vendor reimbursements are only possible through cooperation with multiple teams within WIC and support from Vendors throughout the state. The State will continue to monitor this process using MI-WIC and WIC EBT systems.

For those of you who have been with Michigan WIC for years, you can attest that this program makes a difference. We have data that shows the impact of access to wholesome foods and its impact on child health outcomes. You and your staff witness the impact of WIC firsthand as you help your customers.

Our office wishes to thank you and remind you that you are welcome to speak to our state staff via email, phone, or at in-person events like the upcoming <u>WIC Vendor Conference in September</u>. Nothing is too big or small, whether it be a technical issue or a story for how your store manages necessary responsibilities, we want to continue hearing from you.

Thank you for everything you do.

With appreciation,

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