



MEMORANDUM

MEMO TO: All Authorized Utah WIC Vendors

FROM: Nicole Reames, Benefits Delivery and Integrity Coordinator

DATE: March 24, 2015

MEMO #: FY 2015-6

SUBJECT: **April 1, 2015 Implementation Reminders & Introduction**

Split Tender Transactions with the WIC Cash-Value Voucher

The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has required a policy and procedural change as part of the implementation of the Final Rule for Revisions in the WIC food packages. As part of provision 246.12 (h)(3)(xi), Vendors are now required to allow split tender transaction on the WIC cash-value voucher (CVV). The deadline for implementation is April 1, 2015.

This provision will require Vendors to allow WIC customers to pay the difference when a fruit or vegetable purchase exceeds the value of the CVV. When a WIC customer would like to purchase more produce than the maximum value of the WIC CVV, stores must allow the customer to pay the difference with another form of tender within the same transaction. WIC participants will be informed of this change starting April 1, 2015.

When redeeming the WIC CVV check, please remember that the WIC customer still has the option to remove an item if they do not wish to pay for the excess produce. The customer must be given the option to pay the difference or remove an item. When recording the purchase price the vendor must ensure that the purchase price written on the CVV in the "Pay Exactly" box does not exceed the maximum value printed on the CVV.

Please ensure all cashiers and customer service personnel are trained on this new policy. You may also refer to your previous memo dated January 12, 2015 for more details. We appreciate your willingness to become compliant.

Annual WIC Training

All store employees who complete or supervise WIC transactions must be trained on WIC each year. In order to get credit for completion of the annual training requirement, tests must be complete and sent to the State WIC offices no later than April 1, 2015. Warning letters will be sent to stores that have not submitted completed tests by the deadline.

Please refer to the memo that is dated February 2, 2015 if there are any questions or concerns.

Eligibility of White Potatoes for Purchase with Cash-Value Voucher

Effective April 1, 2015 white potatoes are eligible for purchase on the Cash-Value Voucher (CVV). “White Potatoes” includes all potato varieties. Local clinics will start advising the clients that white potatoes are available on April 1, 2015. We will be sending new Authorized WIC Foods brochures hopefully, within the next two weeks.

Introduction

The WIC Vendor Coordinator position has been filled by me, Nicole Reames. I have worked for the state of Utah for 3 years and come from the Department of Technology Services. Before working for the state I have worked in the higher educational system for 7 years. I’m excited to be working with you. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this Memo or any issues that may arise in the future. I can be reached by email at nreames@utah.gov or by phone at 801-538-6974. I look forward to working with each and every one of you in the future.

Thank you for your support of the Utah WIC Program. We appreciate all that you do.

cc: WIC Directors
Local Agency Retail Coordinators