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WIC'r Basket

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The Vendor Newsletter of the West Virginia WIC Program

Exceed Current Price Edit Drafts

Drafts rejected from the banking system for "Exceed Current Price Edit" should be repriced at the vendor's actual shelf price and not priced at the edit before submitting to the State WIC Office for payment. Pricing above shelf price is a sanctionable offense. We understand that there are times when a vendor doesn't know exactly what food items a participant purchased, in this instance, the vendor should price the draft with the highest shelf price for all items listed on the draft with the exception of milk which is the least expensive. If the actual shelf price is over the State's current edit, you must submit sufficient justification (i.e. invoice) for reimbursement consideration. If you have any further questions, please contact the Vendor Management at (304) 558-1115.

Kraft Deli Fresh Cheese Slices



Kraft Deli Fresh Cheese Slices in the 8 ounce container is a WIC Approved Cheese. Cheese with added ingredients (i.e., peppers, pimentos, bacon) or smoked are not WIC Approved.

New Food List Coming Soon!

On October 1, 2009, the West Virginia WIC Program will implement the revised USDA food packages for WIC participants. The new food packages will add fruits, vegetables and whole grains to the existing food list. Additional information will be sent to vendors at a later date regarding specific food types and minimum stock requirements.

Nestle Juicy Juice

Nestle Juicy Juice Harvest Surprise in the 46 ounce plastic container is WIC eligible and is available in the following flavors: Tropical, Grape and Orange Mango. If you have any questions contact the Vendor Management Unit at (304) 558-1115.

Vendor Monthly Training

The next monthly vendor training session will be held at the Family Enrichment Center in Charleston, WV, on January 16, 2009 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. All vendors are encouraged to send store personnel to monthly training sessions. Seating is limited, so please contact the Vendor Management Unit at (304) 558-1115 to schedule.



Maximum Price Report (Edit Sheets)

The WV WIC program provides authorized WIC vendors with Maximum Price Reports (Edit Sheets) each quarter to assist with screening WIC drafts prior to bank deposit. It has come to the attention of the Vendor Management Unit that some vendors are using the edit sheets at the check-out lanes when pricing drafts. As a courtesy, these edit sheets have been provided to WIC vendors to use in the office when preparing drafts for deposit; they have no valid purpose during check-out procedure. WIC customers should never be charged more than any other customer or more than shelf price. As an authorized WIC vendor, please be advised that the use of the edit sheets to deny purchases, or to request payment on drafts which exceed the established edit price, are a misuse of these edit sheets. Please remember that payment issues on WIC drafts are between the WV WIC program and the vendor. If you have any questions, please contact the Vendor Management at (304) 558-1115.

Rainchecks/Due Bills

If your store is unable to fill a draft, you may want to suggest another store in the area to the participant to get the draft filled. Rain-checks and due bills are not allowed, and may result in sanction points being assessed and mandatory training.

Edits

New edits sheets for January, February, and March 2009 are included in this mailing. Our banking agent will start using the new edits on January 1, 2009. Drafts that were properly accepted at or near the end of December 2008 should be checked against the current edits and the new edits.

State Holidays

In observance of the holiday season our office will be closed on the following days:



December 24, 2008
December 25, 2008
December 31, 2008
January 1, 2009

Christmas Eve (half-day)
Christmas Day
New Year's Eve (half day)
New Year's Day



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