



*VB #3 – March 6, 2015*

**NYS WIC PROGRAM  
VENDOR BULLETIN**

**Title: Removal of the Not to Exceed (NTE) Amount on WIC Checks**

**This is an important notice. Please have it translated.**

Este aviso es importante. Haga que lo traduzcan.

Это важное сообщение. Пожалуйста, попросите перевести вам данную информацию

Đây là thông báo quan trọng. Xin vui lòng nhờ người chuyển ngữ tài liệu này cho quý vị .

Ovo je važna obavijest. Molimo da tražite da vam se prevede.

यह एक महत्वपूर्ण सूचना है। कृपया इसे अनुवाद करके रखें।

這是一項重要通告。請予以翻譯。

هذه ملاحظة هامة يرجى ترجمتها

זוהי הודעה חשובה. נא לתרגם אותה.

**Removal of the Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Level (MARL) (aka NTE Amount) on WIC Checks**

**Effective April 4, 2015**, the Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Level (MARL) (aka) Not-To-Exceed Amount (NTE) will be removed from WIC checks, including WIC Vegetable and Fruit Checks and Manual Checks. Farmers Market Nutrition Program Checks will **not** be affected by this change. Removal of the NTE amount will improve the WIC shopping experience for participants, promote price competitiveness and minimize issues between the participant and vendor related to food prices.

An example of a current WIC check with the NTE amount and a new WIC check with the NTE amount removed is enclosed.

## Current WIC Check Appearance

<b>STATE OF NEW YORK</b> DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WIC PROGRAM		PARTICIPANT 24213037 - Test, Child1	NOT GOOD BEFORE 12/09/2014	NOT GOOD AFTER 01/07/2015
		AGENCY 242 - Test Agency 242		
FOR THESE ITEMS ONLY - REFER TO WIC ACCEPTABLE FOOD CARD		PAY TO: <b>VOID</b> CHECK NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED ABOVE BY NYS AUTHORIZED WIC VENDOR AND DEPOSITED BY 02/07/2015	242629942 2	
1 16-18 Ounce Peanut Butter Up to 36-Ounce WIC Cereal			NOT TO EXCEED *17.21*	
			PAY EXACTLY	
			DOLLARS	CENTS
KeyBank, Albany, NY	29-70 213	14343		
THE BACK OF THIS CHECK CONTAINS A SECURITY MARK. DO NOT ACCEPT WITHOUT HOLDING AT AN ANGLE TO VERIFY SECURITY MARK. IMPROPER USE OF THIS CHECK IS SUBJECT TO STATE AND FEDERAL PROSECUTION.		X SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT AT REDEMPTION MUST MATCH SIGNATURE ON WIC I.D. CARD. NOT NEGOTIABLE UNLESS SIGNED.		

## New WIC Check Appearance – Effective April 4, 2015

<b>STATE OF NEW YORK</b> DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WIC PROGRAM		PARTICIPANT 30116398 - Suren, PregMom	NOT GOOD BEFORE 12/02/2014	NOT GOOD AFTER 12/31/2014
		AGENCY 301 - Test Agency 301		
FOR THESE ITEMS ONLY - REFER TO WIC ACCEPTABLE FOOD CARD		PAY TO: <b>VOID</b> CHECK NOT VALID UNLESS STAMPED ABOVE BY NYS AUTHORIZED WIC VENDOR AND DEPOSITED BY 01/31/2015	301493784 6	
1 Pound Dry Beans/Peas/Lentils Up to 36-Ounce WIC Cereal 1 16-18 Ounce Peanut Butter			PAY EXACTLY	
			\$ .	
			DATE: / /	
KeyBank, Albany, NY	29-70 213	14336		
THE BACK OF THIS CHECK CONTAINS A SECURITY MARK. DO NOT ACCEPT WITHOUT HOLDING AT AN ANGLE TO VERIFY SECURITY MARK. IMPROPER USE OF THIS CHECK IS SUBJECT TO STATE AND FEDERAL PROSECUTION.		X SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT AT REDEMPTION MUST MATCH SIGNATURE ON WIC I.D. CARD. NOT NEGOTIABLE UNLESS SIGNED AND DATED.		

As always, the vendor must write in the amount of the WIC transaction prior to the participant signing and dating the check. Checks will not be paid if they are not signed and dated. The NTE amount will still be in place during the processing of the check but will not be visible to participants or vendors.

- WIC checks exceeding the NTE amount will be rejected by the WIC banking contractor. New York State (NYS) will not impose any fees for checks that exceed the NTE amount.
- Checks rejected because they exceed the blind NTE amount will **AUTOMATICALLY** be paid at the regional average by ACH transaction. NO additional action is required by the vendor.
- Bank fees **MAY BE** assessed by the Vendors Bank of Deposit. Vendors should contact their Bank of Deposit for details.
- Checks rejected for other reasons will still be handled via the manual process.

**NOTE: WIC Checks issued prior to April 4, 2015, will include the NTE amount on the check. Participants may continue to use WIC checks with the NTE amount printed on the face of the check through July 2015.**

If you have questions about this information, please contact your Vendor Management Agency. Thank you for your participation in the NYS WIC Program.

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