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NYS WIC PROGRAM VENDOR BULLETIN

Title: WIC Vendor Violations and Sanctions

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.

WIC Vendor Violations and Sanctions Schedule

Violations of WIC regulations are in direct opposition to the goals of the New York State (NYS) WIC Program and may result in a fine, a civil money penalty, or disqualification from participating in the WIC Program. In addition, violations of the WIC Program can cause vendors to lose their authorization in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – SNAP (previously known as Food Stamps).

The State of New York has a Bureau of Special Investigations whose primary purpose is to find WIC Program abuse and investigate fraud. Depending on the nature of the complaint, the team will investigate vendors, participants, and local agencies. The State will prosecute to the fullest extent of the law.

Please review the enclosed WIC Vendor Violations and Sanctions Schedule. The Schedule can also be found in the May 2015 WIC Vendor Handbook

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

VIOLATION	ADMINISTRATIVE SANCTION
Cash for returned WIC items	Up to \$250 per violation
Unauthorized items not specified on WIC check	Up to \$500 per violation
Providing unwholesome, expired, spoiled items in exchange for WIC checks	Up to \$250 per violation
Charging for foods not received by participant	Up to \$500 per violation
Issuance of a rain check	Up to \$250 per violation
WIC items not priced or prices not posted	Up to \$250 per violation
Accepting WIC checks prior to the Not Good Before date or more than 30 days after the Not Good Before date	Up to \$250 per violation
Purchase price not entered at time of transaction and prior to participant signing	Up to \$500 per violation
No WIC ID card requested	Up to \$250 per violation
Forging participant signature on WIC check	Up to \$500 per violation
Stamping a check accepted at another location or accepted by another vendor	Up to \$500 per violation
Failure to maintain, on premises, the State issued vendor stamp	Up to \$250 per violation
Deposits WIC checks into an account other than the one authorized on vendor contract	Up to \$250 per violation
Fails to have invoices matching WIC food sold	Up to \$500 per violation
Fails to maintain, for three years, invoices/purchase slips for WIC food items, for inspection by Federal, State and local agencies	Up to \$500 per violation
Fails to allow unobstructed examination of all WIC food Instruments, invoices, and purchase slips for WIC food items.	Up to \$500 per violation
<p>Contract violations after conference may result in doubling of the sanctions listed in this schedule.</p>	