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NYS WIC PROGRAM VENDOR BULLETIN

Title: Revised Application and Contract Process - Transition to eWIC

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.

The NYS WIC Program is preparing for eWIC implementation, which is scheduled to begin in 2018 and continue until completed statewide in 2019. New York State will begin an eWIC pilot in Albany, Schenectady and Rensselaer counties on April 30, 2018. The following activities are underway to prepare WIC vendors for the eWIC transition:

Application Pause for New Vendors

To prepare all current WIC authorized vendors for a successful transition to eWIC, the NYS WIC Program will temporarily pause accepting new vendor applications during eWIC pilot rollout. Phase 1 includes all counties above NYC and began April 1, 2018. Phase 2 includes the 5 boroughs of New York City and Long Island and will begin October 1, 2018. During this pause, applications will only be accepted from new vendors in specific zip codes where a shortage of vendors to serve WIC participants has been identified. The WIC Program will also continue to process applications from currently authorized WIC vendors requesting reauthorization and from new vendors who are purchasing a currently authorized WIC vendor location during this pause.

Revised Vendor Contract and Contract Process

Several revisions have been made to the WIC vendor contract to make it clearer, add eWIC language and require use of email communication, as much as possible. New vendor contracts will be mailed to each vendor and must be signed, notarized and returned to the VMA by the date specified in the cover letter with the contract.

The vendor contract process has been streamlined. Entities with ten or more stores under the same Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN) will have one consolidated contract within each VMA Region. With the execution of revised contracts, all WIC vendor contracts will be grouped into six vendor contract periods, as described below. New contracts will take effect on April 30, 2018 or May 30, 2018, depending on the vendor's geographic location.

With the execution of the revised contract, contract end dates for vendors in each group will be aligned to coincide with the vendor contract period end dates contained in the table below. The reapplication date for each vendor contract period will begin six months prior to the vendor contract period end date. If your current contract ends earlier than the reapplication date, your contract end date remains unchanged. If your current contract ends on or after the reapplication date, your contract end date has been modified to coincide with the vendor contract period end date.

Vendor Contract Period	Description	Contract Period Start Date	Contract Period End Date	Reapplication Period Begin Date
1	Chains with 10+ WIC-Authorized Stores	4/30/2018	9/30/2019	4/1/2019
2	Upstate & Lower Hudson Valley	4/30/2018	3/31/2020	10/1/2019
3	Manhattan, Staten Island & Long Island	5/30/2018	9/30/2020	4/1/2020
4	Queens	5/30/2018	3/31/2021	10/1/2020
5	Bronx 1 & Brooklyn 1	5/30/2018	9/30/2021	4/1/2021
6	Bronx 2 & Brooklyn 2	5/30/2018	3/31/2022	10/1/2021

The Department of Health will provide details and answer questions about the streamlined contracting process during the next Vendor Forum on May 8, 2018 (11:00am -12:30pm). eWIC information for vendors and project updates will also be posted on www.nyswicvendors.com.

If you have questions about the information in this bulletin or eWIC in general, you may email the NYS WIC Program at nyswic@health.ny.gov, or contact your Vendor Management Agency.