

Public Health Bureau of Nutrition Services

WIC VENDOR Annual Training



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WELCOME!

2019 Annual WIC Vendor Training!

In partial fulfillment of Federal and State

requirements to remain authorized as a WIC Vendor.







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Purpose of WIC

- WIC is the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children.
- Funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.
- Administered in Louisiana by the Department of Health, Office of Public Health Bureau of Nutrition Services.
- Provides supplemental foods, promote good health and nutrition during critical times of growth and development.
- Applicant's gross income cannot exceed 185 percent of poverty level (family of 3 no more than \$3,100/month).
- SNAP, Medicaid, or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families recipients meet income guidelines.



Mission of WIC Program

To **safeguard the health** of low income individuals for whom health assessments indicate nutritional risks.

We do this by providing:

- Nutritious foods to supplement diets.
- Information on healthy eating.
- Referrals to health care.



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About WIC

WIC provides its participants with:

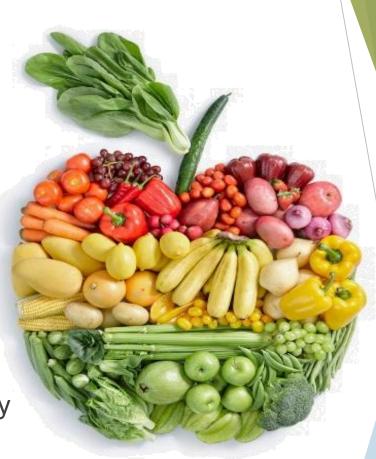
Breastfeeding Support.

🚾 Nutritional Assessments.

🚾 Nutrition Education.

Referrals to Other Health Services.

Food instruments or EBT cards to buy nutritious, approved foods through authorized vendors.





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Our WIC Clients are:

<u>W</u>omen

- Pregnant.
- Post-partum.
- Breastfeeding.

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• Up to one year old.

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• One year and up to five years old.



Our WIC Participants

WIC's role is important to giving kids a healthy start, increasing the likelihood of:

- School readiness.
- Intellectual development.
- Getting a fair start in life.

Women enrolled in WIC have longer pregnancies and fewer low birth weight infants which results in cost savings to the public. WIC encourages and teaches healthy eating habits at a young age through adulthood by providing target nutrients (e.g. iron, fiber, calcium, protein, vitamins A, D, and C).

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Our Authorized WIC Vendors

Play an important role in the health of their community and especially to our WIC participants!

Annually, account for over \$96 million in nutritious food delivered to over 110,000 WIC clients.

Help with cost containment through competitive pricing on all WIC approved foods!

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BONS implements its services through:

Clinical Services



Commodity Supplemental Food Program

Finance

EBT/Management Information Systems

Wendor Management Unit

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Role of the WIC Vendor

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"Participants will be able to buy nutritious foods!" Leslie Lewis Interim Clinical Services Manager, BONS



"We can't do this without <u>YOU</u>!"

Jennifer Nicklas, Interim Director Bureau of Nutrition Services (BONS)





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In 2018, WIC Vendors sold \$96,593,326.59 in authorized foods to WIC customers!

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Purpose of WIC Vendor Training

Enhance the Bureau of Nutrition Services relationship with WIC Authorized Vendors by providing:

- An overview of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) and to convey important information relative to WIC Authorized Vendor Management.
- Specific and clear information about State and Federal policies that affect Authorized Vendor Operations.
- Face-to-Face opportunity for Vendors to interact with BONS' Leadership and Vendor Management Unit team and to have their questions answered throughout the training.



Learning Objectives

- This session serves as an interactive training in each area of WIC Vendor responsibilities.
- Attendees will have the opportunity to increase their knowledge and understanding of the purpose and requirements of the WIC program.
- Attendees will use the learned knowledge to provide excellent customer service to the WIC clients.
- Mandatory WIC Vendor training requirements.



Vendor Training Course Outline

- Mew Requirements / Updates / Changes.
- WIC Approved Food /Minimum Stocking Requirement (WIC 23).
- Transaction and Procedure (WIC 33).
- Reimbursement Form (WIC 20).
- Vendor Participant Complaint Form (WIC
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- 🚾 Vendor Guide.
- Wendor Agreement.
- Wendor Tools and Resources.



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Louisiana.gov > LDH > Community and Preventive Health

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ABOUT COMMUNITY And preventive Health		
FOR SPECIAL Health Needs	If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact us at (504) 568-83	
FOR WOMEN & CHILDREN	WIC Program and WIC Vendor Partnership	
FOR PUBLIC HEALTH PROFESSIONALS	The partnership between the Louisiana WIC Program and the WIC-authorized Vendors is a program.	n integral component of a successful nutrition
LABORATORY SERVICES	The Vendor's role in the process of improving health is an important one. Vendors ensure amount of food in the month it is intended to be received. This serves as reinforcement to role is essential in making the Louisiana WIC Program successful.	
REPORTING INFECTIOUS DISEASES	WIC Food List Brochure English Spanish	
NUTRITION PROGRAMS	Louisiana WIC Authorized Vendor Essential Documents and	Links
	 2018 WIC Vendor Annual Training 	For more information and
	LA WIC-20 WIC Food Instrument/Cash Value Voucher Reimbursement Form	to access the above forms,
	LA WIC-33 Food Instrument/Cash Value Voucher Transaction Procedures	please visit our website at
	LA WIC-33 EBT/Cash Value Voucher Transaction Procedures	www.ldh.la.gov/wicvendor.
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New Requirements / Updates / Changes

- EBT Pilot and expected Rollout
- WIC Shopper App
- Authorized Food List is under review
 - Expect to receive changes January 2020.
 - Bureau of Nutrition Services will circulate the new information.
 - Go to: www.ldh.la.gov/wicvendor for the current, authorized list.

- Technology Improvements coming this Fall
 - Online Application System
 - Learning Management System
 - GIS (Internal)
 - Auditing Software (Internal)



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Vendor Basics - Refresher WIC Vendors

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Administrative Code

- Vendor Manual
- Vendor Agreement

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Vendor Basics - Refresher WIC Vendors

- Play an important role in the health community.
- Ensure that clients receive unique, prescribed food benefits.
- Comply with LAC, WIC Vendor Agreement, and Vendor Guide.
- Sell infant formula from approved manufacturer.
- Contain Costs.
- Accept and process eWIC transactions.
- Maintain minimum stock requirements.
- Post WIC door decals.
- Encourage use of WIC shelf talkers.
- Inform and train cashiers and other staff on WIC requirements.
- Same Courtesy Same Service for all customers.



Vendor Basics - Refresher WIC Vendors - Peer Groups

- Vendors organized by peer groups
- Based on the number of cash registers present in the store.
- Cash register is a point of sale device that is capable of:
 - Processing a WIC transaction.
 - Includes fixed cash registers and mobile devices with similar capabilities to process a retail sales transaction.

Peer Group	Number of Cash Registers
1	1 to 3
2	4 to 7
3	8 to 11
4	12 to 15
5	16 or more
6	A50*

* Vendors with more than 50 percent of sales from WIC authorized foods.



Minimum Stock Requirement (WIC 23)

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INFANT FORMULA	
As Prescribed on Food Instrument	
Must be iron fortified	
No substitutions	
MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT:	
See Chart on next page	

INFANT FOODS

INFANT CEREAL 8 oz. container Plain, dry Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased Not Allowed: Flavored or with added ingredients Individual servings Organic MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: 15 Containers

INFANT FRUITS & VEGETABLES 4 oz. containers Single or mixed combinations are allowed Texture may range from strained through diced Brands: Beech-Nut-Stage 2 or Stage 2 1/2 Gerber- 2nd foods Baby Basics Tippy Toes

Not Allowed: Mixtures with cereal, desserts, dinners, added sugars, starches, salt, artificial sweeteners, DHA/ARA, omega 3 fats, prebiotics and/or probiotics, organic MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: 96 Containers of at least 3 varieties of fruits 96 Containers of at least 3 varieties

vegetables

INFANT MEATS 2.5 oz. containers Single ingredient with broth or gravy Brands: Beech-Nut Stage 1 Gerber-2nd Foods Baby Basics Beef, Chicken, Turkey, Ham Not Allowed: Pasta or vegetable mixtures, added sugars, added salt, DHA/ARA omega 3 fats, prebiotics, probiotics, organic MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: 31 containers of at least 2 varieties

DAIRY AND DAIRY SUBSTITUTES HOMOGENIZED MILK Must be dispensed as prescribed on food instrument Homogenized-Whole, Low-Fat (1%) and Skim Gallon and Quart containers Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased Not Allowed: Flavored, buttermilk, goat's milk, organic, raw (unpasteurized) or sweetened condensed milk MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: Whole Milk – At least 2 gallons and 4 quarts Low Fat (1%) Milk - At least 4 gallons Skim Milk - At least 4 gallons and 4 quarts LACTOSE REDUCED MILK (OPTIONAL TO STOCK)

Must be printed on food instrument 1/2 Gallon and Quart containers Whole, Reduced Fat (2%), Low Fat (1%) and Fat Free Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased Not Allowed: Organic

SOY BEVERAGE (OPTIONAL TO STOCK) Must be printed on food instrument 1/2 Gallon and Quart containers Original Flavor: Brands: 8th Continent, Pacific Ultra, Great Value, Silk anilla Flavor

Brands: 8th Continent, Pacific Ultra ONLY

CHEESE 8 oz. or 16 oz. packages

American, Cheddar, Mozzarella (part skim), Swiss Block or sliced (not individually wrapped) Reduced fat and low fat allowed Least Expensive Brand Must be purchased Not Allowed: Cheese spread, flavored cheese, shredded cheese, cubed cheese, cheese from the deli, processed cheese food, cheese with peppers or spices, cheese product, grated cheese, random

weight, organic cheese MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: At least 5, 8 oz. packages AND At least 5, 16 oz. packages

PEANUT BUTTER	BREAKFAST CEREALS
16-18 oz. container Smooth, crunchy, whipped, low sodi- um and low sugar allowed Any brand is allowed <u>Not Allowed</u> : Flavorings or added in- gredients, organic MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: 15 containers	11.5-12 oz. and 18 oz. containers "Indicates a whole grain cereal MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: At least 15 boxes of at least 5 varieties <u>POST</u> "Grape-Nuts Flakes - 18 oz. "Honey Bunches of Oats Whole Grain
DRY BEANS/PEAS	Honey Bunches of Oats Whole Grain Honey Crunch - 18 oz. "Honey Bunches of Oats Whole Grain with Vanilla Bunches - 18 oz.
16 oz. (1 lb.) Package Plain, dry Any variety is allowed Any brand is allowed <u>Not allowed</u> : Canned or frozen, soup	MALT-O-MEAL, Oat Blenders with Honey - 18 oz. Oat Blenders with Honey and Almonds - 18 oz.
mixes, added flavorings, Sugars, fats, oils or meat, organic MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: At least 6 packages of at least 2 varieties	GENERAL MILLS Com Chex (Gluten Free)-12 oz. or 18 oz. Rice Chex (Gluten Free)-12 oz. or 18 oz. Multi Grain Cheerios - 12 oz. or 18 oz.

JUICES

Orange, apple, grapefruit, pineapple,

orange-mango, orange-pineapple,

SINGLE STRENGTH

Minimum of 120% Vitamin C

Single Strength - 100% Juice

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48 oz. & 64 oz.

Cheerios - 12 oz. or 18 oz. Kix - 12 oz. or 18 oz. ioney Kix - 12 oz. innamon Chex - 12.1 oz.

KELLOGGS 'All Bran Complete Wheat Flakes - 18 oz. Special K - 12 oz., 18 oz.

LEAST EXPENSIVE BRANDS OF THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF CEREALS Crispy Rice Cereals - 12 oz.

WIC approved foods. Li Pi M

Store shelves.

- Storage areas within store premises.
- Complete list of foods at

http://www.ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/nutrition/

WIC/MinimumStockingRequirements.pdf

WHOLE GRAINS

BROWN RICE 16 oz. bag/box Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased Not Allowed: Instant, white, flavored, wild rice mixes, organic MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: At least 6 packages

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

16 oz. (1 lb.) loaf 100 % Whole Wheat Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased Not Allowed: White, wheat blends, buns, rolls, bagels, frozen dough or organic varieties MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: At least 6 loaves

WHOLE WHEAT PASTA

16 oz. (1 lb.) Package 100 % Whole Wheat Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased

MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT: At least 10 1-lb (16oz) packages in at least 2 varieties with a minimum of 2 packages of each variety

TORTILLAS

16 oz. package Corn or whole wheat Least Expensive Brand Must be Purchased Not Allowed: White flour tortillas, tostadas MINIMUM STOCK REQUIREMENT

FRESH FRUITS and VEGETABLES

Purchase the dollar amount printed on the cash-value voucher. If amount purchased is more than the dollar amount printed on the cash-value voucher, participant may pay the difference. If the purchase price is less than the dollar amount printed on the cash-value voucher, no cash or money back. Allowed: Fresh, whole or pre-cut fruits or Vegetables

Pre-cut may be packaged in bags or Containers

Not Allowed: Frozen or canned fruits or vegetables Bagged salad mixtures with additional Ingredients such as croutons or salad Dressing Party trays or fruit baskets Decorative/ornamental fruits and vegetables Salad bar items Dried fruits and nut mixtures Peanuts Herbs and spices



VENDOR SELECTION CRITERIA POINT

WIC Approved Food List - Partice Daries Public Information Series

EGGS:

-Least-expensive brand Large, white eggs = dozen

- NOT ALLOWED:
- > Estra args, medium, small, brown, low-chiclesterol or specialty eggs

PEANUT BUTTER:

Peanut butter must be printed on food instrument to be allowed.

- Any brand is allowed Creamy, crunchy or smooth
- = 16-18 oz. container

NOT ALLOWED:

Favorings, added ingredients or organic varieties

DRED BEANS/PEAS:

- Any brand is allowed
- Any variety = 1 b. peckage NOT ALLOWED:
- Canned, fresh, frozen or mixed
- Added flavoring or soup mixes.

CHEESE:

- -Least-orpensive brand in the category of the participant's choice.
- American, mild cheddar, medium cheddar, mozzarells (part skim) and Swiss - 8 or 16 cz.
- Block or sliced (not incluidually wrapped). Low-fat, fat-free, and low-sodium variaties are approved.

NOT ALLOWED:

> Cheese products, spreads, or foods; del-purchased (second or weighed to order); individually wrapped, grated; or shredded

MILK:

Children younger than 2 years did must r 5 years old and women may only receive -Least-expensive brand Homogenized:

Whole, pw-fat (1 percent) and/or ! - Callon and cuart

Lactose Free:

(Must be printed on food instrument)

- Lactoso free mik must be printed instrument to be allowed.
- > Whole, low-fat (1 percent) and/or 1 - Half gallon and quart

NOT ALLOWED:

> Flavored milk or buttermik SOY BEVERAGE:

Soy beverage must be printed on the foc to be allowed.

- Brands: 8th Continent, Pacific Utra, Site
- Half gallon or guart containers.
- Original or vanilla favor



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Cheese

TUNA FISH:

- Tuna fish must be printed on the food instrument
- to be allowed. - Any brand
 - Light, dark or blended 5-6 oz. can
 - Do phin safe and packed in water or oil

NOT ALLOWED:

> White, albecore, favored, sessoned

or packaged in foil or bacs. PINK SALMON:

Pink salmon must be printed on the food instrument.

- to be allowed.
- Brands: Any brand
- 5-6 oz, can or pouch.
- Regular or low sodium and packed in oil or water
- May contain bones or skin
- NOT ALLOWED:
- > Red or blue back
- Specialty or organic varieties

WHOLE GRAINS:

Only quantities and package sizes printed on food instrument are allowed. -Least-expensive brand



- BROWN RICE: 16 oz bag/box NOT ALLOWED: > instant, white, flavored,
- wild rice mixes or organic varieties 100% WHOLE WHEAT BREAD: > 16 or (1 b) loaf

NOT ALLOWED: White union blocks have



available on the LDH Website

in English and Spanish.

• www.ldh.la.gov/wicvendor

WIC Approved Foods - WIC 23

WIC Webpage



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Salmon

Infant Formula - Minimum Stock Requirement (WIC 23)

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Similac For Spit-Up Powder	12	12	12	12	24	Based on Corresponding Non A50 Peer Group Requirement	L	
Similac Sensitive Powder	12	12	24	24	24	Based on Corresponding Non A50 Peer Group Requirement		

Required to order

from authorized manufacturer.

Approved Food List Effective as of 12/21/2018



WIC Transactions (WIC 33)

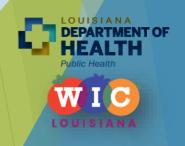
Food Instrument/CVV

- Blue WIC Folder
- Vouchers
- Approved Foods
- Paper process ending 2019

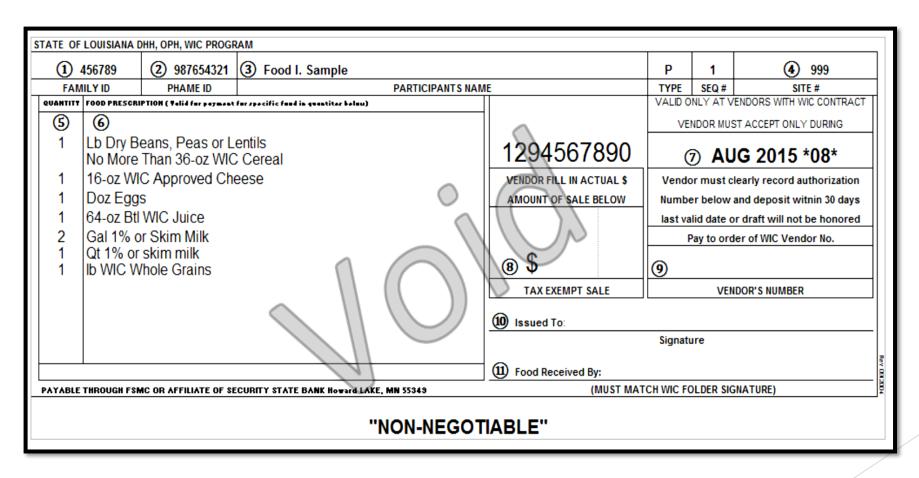
Electronic (eWIC)

- eWIC Card
- PIN
- Approved Foods
- Pilot began Jan 2019

Please refer to WIC-33 regarding FI/CVV and eWIC Transaction Procedures.



Sample WIC Food Instrument (FI)



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Sample WIC Cash Value Voucher (CVV)

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Vendor Basics - Refresher Vendor Requirements - Transaction and Procedure

Even if a food item is not a required minimum stock item, the vendor must allow the participant to purchase any WIC approved food item it stocks if it is authorized on the participant's food instrument or EBT card.



Vendor Requirements - Transaction and Procedure (WIC 33)

Reminders:

- Counter signature MUST match one of the signatures on the WIC folder.
- FI can ONLY be redeemed within the valid date of FI.
- Amount of transaction MUST be written on the FI at the time of transaction prior to the participant signing the FI.
- Cashier training is essential to ensure the above are part of every WIC transaction!
- Issue ONLY what is printed on the FI.
- Issue ALL or nothing.
- NEVER ask to see any other form of identification.
- See WIC 23 and WIC 33 information on LDH website for FI, CVV, and EBT transactions.



Vendor Basics - Refresher **Transaction and Procedure (WIC 33) - Exception**

Exception:

- In some cases, FIs/CVVs are mailed to WIC participants. In these cases, there will be no signature of the participant on the "Issued To" line. In the space following "Issued To," it will state, "Mailed on __/__/ By _____."
- In these instances, the WIC participant must sign the food instrument on the "Food Received By" line. The signature must match one of the signatures on the WIC participant food instrument folder.



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Vendor Requirements - Transaction and Procedure - WIC 33L

All Employees who handle WIC transactions must:

- Read the "Food Instruments / Cash Value Voucher and EBT Transaction Procedures" LA WIC-33 Form.
- Sign the "Transaction Procedure Signature Log" LA WIC-33L Form to indicate that the information has been read and understood within seven calendar days of store new authorization or employee new hire. Refer to: http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/990
- All Vendors must keep copies of the signed LA WIC-33L form available for inspection by WIC staff during Routine Monitoring visits.



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LOUISIANA WIC PROGRAM
WIC EBT TRANSACTION PROCEDURE (WIC 33)
TRAINING LOG

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VENDOR/STORE NAME:

VENDOR ADDRESS:

By signing this document, I acknowledge that I have discussed the contents of the Louisiana WIC Program WIC EBT Transaction Procedure (WIC-33 EBT version) with my employer or their representative; and clearly understand the policies and procedures contained therein.

	Name of Employee	Employee ID (Optional)	Signature of Employee	Date Employee Signed	Supervisor/HR Rep Initials
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WIC 33L Training Log – EBT Version

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Monitoring and Compliance

- WIC Vendor monitoring and compliance is done through several methods. The most common are:
 - Compliance Buys.
 - Routine Monitoring.
 - Inventory Audits.



Routine Monitoring Review

The procedure for processing the <u>first review</u> shall be as follows:

- Clean Routine Monitoring Letter is provided to Vendors with no violations.
- Routine Monitoring Review Letter Showing Violations and request for Corrective Action Plan. Vendor must have a follow-up review.
- Follow up review shows no violation, then the Vendor is issued a Clean Routine Monitoring Review Letter.



Vendor Basics - Refresher Routine Monitoring Review

Procedure continued...

- Follow up review with violation, then the WIC staff:
 - Determines if a pattern has been established
 - If <u>two of the same violations</u> occurred in <u>two or more reviews</u>, the vendor has established a pattern of the particular abuse and a *sanction* is issued.
 - If the violation(s) identified <u>differ</u> from the violations in reviews, a Routine Monitoring Review Letter Showing Violation(s) which alerts the vendor to the violation(s) found and requests a CAP from the vendor within 30 days of the date of the letter.
- If WIC staff are on-site at a vendor location during a training or review, they may examine any WIC FIs/CVVs on hand.



Vendor Basics - Refresher Specials or Incentive Items

- No Authorized Vendor in Louisiana may offer incentive items intended to solicit WIC clients to shop at their store.
- Any incentive must be offered to <u>ALL</u> customers -- not just WIC customers.
- Prescribed on client's food benefit package.
- Failure to comply with this requirement will result in termination of Agreement

"Buy ONE Get ONE, Free!"

Vendor Basics - Refresher Specials or Incentive Items

CAN Do

"Get a free gallon of milk with the purchase of a gallon of milk."

X Cannot Do

"For a limited time only, redeem your <u>WIC</u> here and get a free gallon of milk."

WIC Customers ...

May	May NOT Receive
Use coupons, specials, and store discount cards.	Rain checks, refunds, nor IOUsCash back for WIC benefits

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Shelf Talkers / Prices / Receipts

- May use shelf talkers to help participants identify WICapproved foods.
- Must seek approval from the WIC State Agency before using shelf talkers or before making any changes to currently approved shelf talkers.
- Must be placed at the exact spot on the shelves that contain the WIC-approved food item, next to the price of the item.
- Not allowed to appear on the item packaging.
- Vendors are responsible for maintaining appropriate placement.
- Place by the lowest cost LEB item.

Shelf Prices

Vendor must display prices for WIC-approved foods on the foods or on the shelves/display area in immediate proximity to the foods

Cash Register capable of:

- Split tender sale
- Itemized receipts
- Provide receipt to

participant Receipts must show date of purchase, price and name of each item bought, total sale.

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Vendor Portal

- Vendors must be able to:
 - Access and make regular use of the VP (requires computer, internet, as well as regular use of an email account).
 - Input required price reports quarterly and upon request from the State Agency.
 - Click Here: Vendor Portal



Competitive Price Criteria

- Price level at or below which WIC-approved foods must be priced for vendor applicants to be considered for authorization.
- State Agency determines CPC for each WIC-approved food item based on shelf prices for vendor within each peer group of regular vendors.
- Varies by vendor peer group.
- Vendors are subject to the CPC at all times.
- Ensure prices are not raised to levels that cause Vendors to become ineligible for authorization.



Vendor Basics - Refresher
Above 50 Vendors

- Active vendors who derive more than 50 percent of their annual food sales revenue from WIC food instruments.
- New vendor applications:
 - Authorized on the program only when needed for participant access.
 - Expected to meet this criterion under FNS approved guidelines.



Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Levels (MARLs)

- Highest reimbursement amount for each FI that the state agency may pay by peer group.
- State agency determines the MARL for every WIC Food Instrument.
- FI submitted with a price higher than the MARL shall be reduced through the automated clearing house process.



Reimbursement Process (WIC 20)

- New Vendors must register with LaGov Vendor Registration in Supplier Self Service (SUS).
 - <u>https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/portal/ano</u> <u>nymous?guest_user=self_reg</u>
- Request payment using the WIC Food Instrument / Cash Value Voucher Reimbursement Form (WIC-20)
- All WIC FIs/CVVs must be transacted by WIC authorized store and deposited by the same store.
- Vendor reimbursed for FIs and CVVs it transacts by depositing them in the vendor's bank account.
- Payments will be made through banking system's Automated Clearing House (ACH).

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Vendor Basics - Refresher Request for Reimbursement

- 1. Complete a WIC Food Instrument/CVV Reimbursement Form (WIC-20).
- Staple the original FI/CVV to a blank 8 ½ X 11 sheet of paper (maximum of three FIs/CVVs per page; do not overlap FIs/CVVs).
- 3. Make copies of the WIC-20 and its corresponding WIC FI/CVV (originals/Image Replacement Documents (IRDs) only).
- 4. Mail the original completed WIC-20 along with its corresponding FI/CVV to the following address:

LDH-OPH-Bureau of Nutrition Services P.O. Box 60630 New Orleans, LA 70160

Any single request totaling \$500 or more, must be approved by the USDA / Food and Nutrition Services.



Rejected Fls / CVVs

WIC Contracted bank may:

- Adjust amount submitted by the vendor for Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Level compliance.
- Reject or adjust WIC FIs or CVVs for a variety of reasons including, but not limited to:
 - No vendor number.
 - Unreadable or invalid vendor number.
 - Outside of allowable dates.
 - Signature issues.
 - Altered FI or CVV.
 - Amount over MARL.
 - No date.
 - Purchase price missing.

Vendor Basics - Refresher New and Reauthorizing Vendors

- Must complete a WIC Application and if approved, must meet selection criteria and adhere to the LAC, WIC Vendor Agreement, and Vendor Guide.
- WIC Vendor Agreements / Authorizations in the following parishes listed below will expire September 30, 2019:
 - Assumption, Jefferson, Lafourche, Livingston, Orleans, Plaquemine, St. Bernard, St. Charles, St. Helena, St. James, St. John, St. Mary, St. Tammany, Tangipahoa, Terrebonne, Washington.
- Vendors in the parishes listed above will receive an email notification by July 1, 2019 advising them to submit an application.
- WIC Vendors who submit their completed application and were determined to meet all Selection Criteria will be notified of their eligibility status prior to Oct 1, 2019.



Full-line Grocery Store

- Required for authorized WIC Vendors.
- Defined as a retail food store/market that stocks, and has on hand at all times, at least:
 - 5 varieties of cereal with 5 or more units of each variety;
 - 3 varieties of bread or tortillas with 5 or more units of each variety;
 - 4 varieties of fresh fruits with at least 5 units of each variety;
 - 4 varieties of fresh vegetables with at least 5 units of each variety;
 - 4 varieties of fresh or frozen meat, poultry or fish with at least 5 units of each variety; and
 - 2 varieties of rice with 6 or more units of each variety.



Recordkeeping

- Vendors must maintain records during and after any WIC authorization for four Federal Fiscal Years (October 1 through September 30) after the record was created.
- Provide records upon request.
- Paper or electronic records used for State or Federal tax reporting purposes and other WIC Program records including:
 - Inventory records showing all WIC purchases, wholesale and retail, in the form
 of invoices that identify the quantity and prices of specific WIC-approved foods;
 - Books of accounts;
 - Shelf price records; and
 - Records of total food sales revenue, based on the definition of SNAP eligible food items (available at <u>http://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-food-items</u>), which must be verified or documented; and any other pertinent documents.



Any Vendor Changes

- Notify in writing at least 15 days prior to or immediately upon knowledge (whichever comes first):
 - Loss or relinquishment of SNAP Authorization.*
 - WIC Authorized Store Closes.*
 - Change of ownership, location, store name (including d/b/a).*
 - Change in mailing address, email address, and telephone number.

*Vendor Agreement is null and void on the date of the loss or relinquishment of SNAP authorization, store closing, change of ownership, store location, and store name. WIC business shall immediately cease and FIs and CVVs shall be deposited promptly.

Vendor Basics - Refresher Change of Ownership

- WIC authorization is not transferable.
- Authorization does not extend to new store locations opened or acquired by an existing vendor.
- Each store location operated by a business entity constitutes a separate vendor and must be authorized separately from other stores operated by the business entity.
- Each store must have a single, fixed location.



Reciprocal Disqualification

USDA Programs communicate regularly!

- Vendors disqualified from SNAP are also disqualified from WIC under CFR 246.12(I)(1)(vii):
 - Same length of time as SNAP disqualification.
 - May begin at a later date than SNAP disqualification.
 - Not subject to administrative or judicial review under the WIC Program.
- Disqualification from WIC may result in disqualification as a retailer in SNAP and is not subject to administrative or judicial review under SNAP.



Complaint Process - WIC 19 Vendor / Participant Complaint Form

There are 5 types of WIC complaints that can be reported:

- 1. WIC Civil Rights Complaint
- 2. WIC Program Complaint (Non-Civil Rights).
- 3. WIC Program Appeal.
- 4. WIC Vendor Complaint.
- 5. WIC Participant Complaint.

Form located on LDH website at: http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/1032



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Civil Rights and Non-Discrimination

In accordance with Federal civil rights law and the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, the USDA, its agencies, offices, employees, and institutions participating in or administering USDA programs are <u>prohibited from</u> <u>discriminating based on race, color, national origin, sex,</u> <u>disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights</u> <u>activity in any program or activity conducted or funded by USDA.</u>

To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Adjudication, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call toll free (866) 632-9992 (Voice). Individuals who are hearing impaired or have speech disabilities may contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339; or (800) 845-6136 (Spanish). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Program Complaint: Non-Civil Rights

- A WIC Program complaint (Non-Civil Rights) can be related to appointments, customer service, courtesy, fair treatment, answering telephones, clinic hours, food instruments, privacy and other related WIC service processing concerns.
- These complaints are investigated by the Louisiana WIC State Agency.
- A WIC applicant or participant can file a WIC Program Complaint by completing the <u>WIC Complaint Appeals Form</u> and mailing it to the WIC State Agency Director.
- The WIC Complaint and Appeals Form can also be emailed by clicking the <u>submit form</u> button in the upper right hand corner of the form.



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WIC Program Appeal

- 1. Submitted by an individual who thinks that they have been unfairly denied, terminated, disqualified from the WIC program or required to make a cash repayment for improperly issued benefits, program fraud or abuse.
- 2. Forwarded to the Louisiana Division of Administrative Law with assistance from the Louisiana WIC State Agency.
- 3. <u>WIC Complaint and Appeals Form</u> should be:
 - Completed and mailed to the WIC State Agency Director's address listed on the form.
 - Can be emailed by clicking the <u>submit form</u> button in the upper right hand corner of the form.



WIC Vendor Complaint

<u>**Participants</u>** can use the WIC 19 form to file complaints against vendors for various reasons, including, but not limited to:</u>

- Adverse treatment by a vendor's owner, manager or employee.
- Charging more to WIC participants than other customers.
- Providing outdated or spoiled food items.
- Refusal to accept manufacturers' coupons, or other store discounts.
- Inadequate variety and/or quantity of WIC authorized supplemental food items.



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WIC Participant Complaint

VENDORS use the WIC 19 form to file complaints against participants for various reasons, including, but not limited to:

- Adverse treatment of a vendor's owner, manager or employees.
- Failure to distribute foods to intended WIC participants.
- Use of altered WIC food instruments (i.e., changing dates, names, or food amounts).
- Purchase or attempted purchase of unauthorized foods with WIC food instruments.
- Attempt to purchase larger quantities of an authorized supplemental food item than listed on a WIC food instrument.



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Sources for Further WIC Information

Please review the following portions of your Vendor Guide

Торіс	Page
Louisiana WIC Program Food List	9 - 12
Reauthorization Process / Selection Criteria	13 - 14
WIC FI and CVV Transaction Procedures	21 - 25
Vendor Portal	34
Administrative Review (hearing) Process	41 - 43

http://www.ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/990



Sanction System and Violation

- The WIC vendor agreement details all mandates required of WIC authorized vendors.
- Sanctions are actions taken against a vendor that fails to comply with Program regulations.
- A full list of all vendor sanctions can be found starting on page 39 of the Vendor Guide.
- Vendors that are sanctioned due to violation of the vendor agreement may be:
 - Deemed high-risk.
 - Disqualified from the program, and/or assessed a monetary penalty.

Violations are tracked throughout the duration of the vendor agreement.

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Administrative Reviews / Appeals

- Adverse actions taken on Vendors are subject to administrative review (except SNAP disqualifications).
- If appealed, WIC Program will provide:
 - written notification of the adverse action,
 - procedures to follow to obtain an administrative review,
 - cause(s) for and the effective date of the action.
- If the vendor is disqualified as a result of federal mandatory vendor violations in 7 CFR 246.12(I)(1), such notification will include the following statement:

"This disqualification from WIC may result in disqualification as a retailer in SNAP. Such disqualification is not subject to administrative or judicial review under SNAP."



Electronic Links

Resource	Website Address
Vendor Hub / Documents	http://ldh.la.gov/index.cfm/page/990
LaGOV Vendor Registration in Supplier Service Portal (SUS)	https://lagoverpvendor.doa.louisiana.gov/irj/porta l/anonymous?guest_user=self_reg
WIC Approved Food List	http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/nutrition/WIC/Vendo r/LAWICApprovedFoodListWIC23.pdf



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Louisiana WIC Vendor Agreement

Part A. Vendor agrees to:

40. Maintain, during and after any WIC authorization, for a period of four (4) full federal fiscal years after the date the record was created and provide to the State Agency upon request, paper or electronic records used for State or Federal tax reporting purposes and other WIC Program records including: inventory records showing all WIC purchases, wholesale and retail, in the form of invoices that identify the quantity and prices of specific WIC-approved foods, books of accounts, shelf price records, records of total food sales revenue, based on the definition of SNAP eligible food items (available at <u>https://www.fns.usda.gov/snap/eligible-</u> food-items), which must be verifiable or documented, and other pertinent documents.

Vendor Basics - Refresher Vendor Audits - What's New

- Inventory audits examine food invoices or other proofs of purchase to determine if vendors carry sufficient levels of authorized foods to enable participants to redeem vouchers.
- Investigate and detect WIC Fraud and Abuse.
- Assess high risk vendors based upon specific criteria.
- Five percent federal high risk monitoring requirement.
- Used to close a compliance investigation where establishing a pattern of abuse has proven to be difficult.
- Review of three months of inventory for cost containment; assess for patterns of incidence.
- Corrective Action Plan.



Vendor Basics - Refresher Vendor Audits - Findings

- Clean inventory audit; no further action.
- Notice of deficiency when stock insufficient to meet the quantity of a WIC food product claimed for reimbursement by the vendor; additional documentation required.
 - Insufficient / unacceptable documentation.
 - Established pattern of charging for supplemental foods not received by the participant.
 - Recover the deficiency amount and sanction the vendor.
- Inventory audit showing violations
- Corrective action plan; repayment of any deficiency amount.



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- 1. Invoice Date.
- 2. Supplier's Name.
- 3. Invoice Number.
- 4. Detailed Purchase Information.
 - a. Approved WIC Item.
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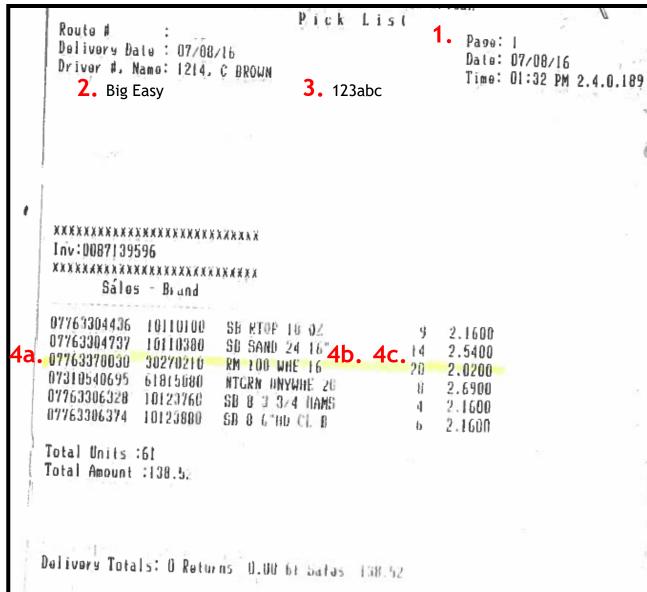
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Big Easy Bakery



Acceptable Purchase Invoices

- 1. Invoice Date.
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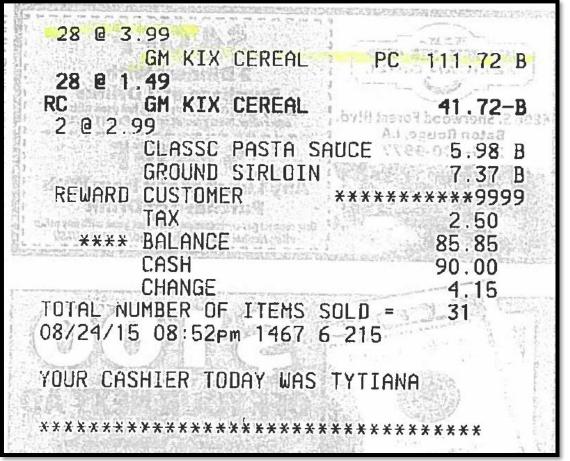


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Disallowed Purchase Invoices

- 16 oz. is not indicated on receipt.
- Roman Meal is an acceptable WIC food item; however, there are various sizes (16, 20, and 24 oz.).





Disallowed Purchase Invoices

- Size is not indicated on receipt.
- General Mills' Kix Cereal is an acceptable WIC food items; however, there are various sizes.
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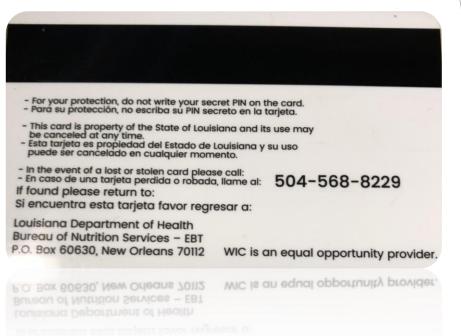
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Electronic Benefits Transfer





- Jan 2019 Pilot began.
- July 2019 Expect to begin Region 8 roll-out.
- Jan 2020 Full Implementation.

eWIC

Pilot Phase I:

January 2019, Louisiana WIC piloted eWIC (electronic benefits) in Region 7, Caddo and Bossier Parishes.

Pilot Phase II:

February 2019, Louisiana WIC added clinics in the following Region 7 parishes: Bienville, Claiborne, Desoto, Natchitoches, Red River, Sabine, and Webster Parishes.

July 2019, Louisiana expects to begin next rollout in Region 8; pending USDA / FNS approval.



eWIC Transactions

- Follow your store/chain's internal procedures for your point of sale system.
- You must scan every item that a participant brings to the register and scan ALL items individually.
- If an item does not ring up as WIC eligible the participant has the option to remove that item, <u>ONLY</u> if the transaction is still open.
- Cash Value Benefit (CVB) if a purchase goes over the dollar amount available, the participant has the <u>option</u> to pay the difference.
 - If not, void the item from the transaction.
- <u>The only instance where a cashier can make a WIC eligibility</u> <u>determination is for a least expensive brand</u> items (milk, eggs, cheese, juice, brown rice, 100% whole wheat bread, tortillas (corn or wheat) and whole wheat pasta).

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eWIC Transactions

- For most POS systems participants are no longer required to separate their WIC foods from other items.
- Participants can complete purchase of WIC and Non WIC items in one transaction.
- Participants do not have to provide the cashier with any document (i.e., blue folder, WIC checks); each participant will have their own eWIC card and personal PIN number.
- A beginning balance receipt will print for the participant at the beginning of each transaction.
- After approved WIC items are scanned, the participant will verify the items that will be deducted from the eWIC card through the utilization receipt.



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Vendor Basics - Refresher **eWIC Transactions**

- The participant will select "YES" (Accepted / Approved) if the utilization receipt is correct or "NO" (Not Accepted / Not Approved) if the utilization receipt is incorrect.
- If the transaction is <u>not approved</u>, WIC items can be added or removed at that time.
- If the transaction is <u>approved</u> then the participant will get an ending balance receipt.
- WIC item(s) can be put back on the eWIC card through benefit reversal if a customer decides he/she does not want an item Only IF there is a remaining balance on the eWIC card. (An eWIC card that has been depleted cannot accept a benefit reversal).
- Once the transaction is completed a benefit reversal cannot be done.

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Vendor Basics - Refresher **eWIC Transaction Procedure (WIC 33)**

Cashiers will:

- Scan all products for purchase.
- Allow only the purchase of LEB for foods in this category (next lowest if out of stock).
- Deduct applicable coupons.
- Total the order (triggers the Beginning Balance and Benefits Utilized receipts or WIC Foods Purchased).
- Provide participant with the first two slips, then the participant reviews and "Accepts" the WIC total on the card reader.
- Request other payment method for any products over the FI benefits or for non-WIC purchases. Payments can include cash, debit or credit, SNAP, etc.
- Monitor the transaction to:
 - Ensure that participant inserts EBT card into chip card reader of the device.
 - Prevent card errors, by reminding the participant to leave card in until they are prompt to "remove it."
 - Prompt the participant to enter their PIN, if necessary.

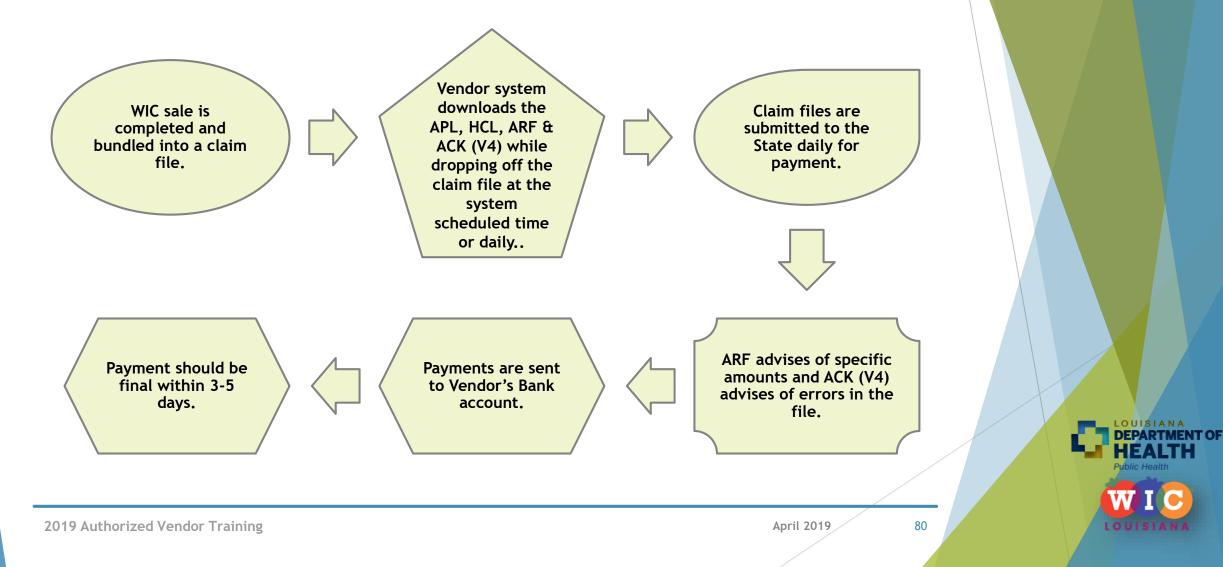




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EBT Claims Process - Vendor Payments





If you have any questions during your monitoring visit, please contact the Louisiana WIC Vendor Unit by:

E-mail: lawicvendor@la.gov or Telephone: (504) 568-8229

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