



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

January 4, 2021

TO: Louisiana Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (LA WIC) Vendors

FROM: LA WIC

RE: **LA WIC APL Updates and Possible WIC Purchase Issues (Eff. 1/1/2022)**

Dear LA WIC Vendor,

The Louisiana WIC Program (LA WIC) recently announced updates to the [LA WIC Food List Brochure \(Program Guide\)](#), effective January 1, 2022.

These changes include category and subcategory updates to the [LA WIC Authorized Product List](#) (APL) that may impact WIC Participants' ability to purchase certain WIC Approved Food Items beginning January 1, 2022 –

- Yogurt
- Juice
- Homogenized Milk - Whole, 1%, and/or Skim Milk
- Cheese
- Cereal

In order to avoid a disruption in WIC purchases, your store must update (or contact your POS provider to update) the APL as of Saturday, January 1, 2022. Your store will be unable to sell Yogurt, Juice, and Homogenized Milk to WIC Participants until you download the updated APL.

As a reminder, an item may not correctly scan as a WIC Approved Food Item if –

- The item is not a WIC Approved Food Item. See the [LA WIC Approved Foods List \(WIC-23\)](#), the [LA WIC Food List Brochure \(Program Guide\)](#), available on the [LA WIC Authorized Vendor Hub](#).
- The item is a WIC Approved Food Item, but the WIC Participant does not have sufficient WIC Benefits for that specific food item available on their EBT Card (check the WIC Participant's Beginning Balance Receipt to determine whether or not the EBT Card has the necessary WIC Benefits available for the purchase).

If the item does not scan as a WIC Approved Food Item and it is one of the five WIC Approved Food Items listed above that the WIC Participant has sufficient WIC Benefits to purchase, please ask the WIC Participant to try to purchase the item at another store or at later date and **contact your POS provider to ensure your store is utilizing the most recent version of the APL.** Your store's POS system should be downloading an updated version of the LA WIC APL at least once every 48 hours.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (225) 342-0725 or at LAWICVendor@la.gov.

Sincerely,

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