



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

DATE: **April 8, 2022**

TO: Louisiana Authorized WIC Vendors

FROM: LA WIC

RE: **LA WIC Vendor Update - Maximum Civil Money Penalty (CMP) amount(s) for Federal Mandatory Vendor Sanction Violations**

Dear LA WIC Vendor,

If the Louisiana WIC Program (LA WIC) determines, in its sole discretion, that disqualification of a Vendor would result in inadequate participant access to WIC Approved Food Items, LA WIC shall impose a Civil Money Penalty (CMP) in lieu of disqualification. Such CMP is calculated in accordance with Federal Regulations (See 7 CFR §246.12 (l)(1)(x)(C) and 7 CFR §3.91(b)(3)(v)).

This memo is to advise Vendors that the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced new Civil Money Penalty (CMP) maximum limits: \$16,865 for each violation, except that the maximum penalty for violations occurring during a single investigation is \$67,461.

If you have any questions regarding this memorandum or need additional information, please contact us at (225) 342-0725 or at [LAWICVendor@la.gov](mailto:LAWICVendor@la.gov).

Sincerely,

LA WIC Vendor Operations Unit

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