



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

DATE: **July 28, 2023**

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: \$18,171 for each Federal Mandatory Vendor Sanction Violation, except that the maximum penalty for violations occurring during a single investigation is \$72,686. The Civil Money Penalty maximum limit remains \$2,500 for each LA WIC State Agency Vendor Sanction Violation. No action is required on your behalf.

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

Sincerely,

LA WIC Vendor Operations Unit

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