



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

**February 1, 2022**

TO: Louisiana Authorized WIC Vendors  
FROM: Natalie Istre, LA WIC Vendor Manager  
RE: **LA WIC Temporary Alternative Minimum Stock Requirements**

Dear Vendor,

The Louisiana WIC Program (LA WIC) recently updated its Minimum Stock Requirements (MSR) policy. This policy update allows LA WIC to establish temporary alternative MSR in response to statewide shortages and/or an Emergency-Disaster.

In response to challenges related to maintaining an adequate supply of WIC Approved Food Items and other issues reported by our Vendors as a result of the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, **LA WIC will implement temporary alternative MSR effective February 16, 2022.** The temporary MSR will remain in effect through September 30, 2022. LA WIC will use the temporary MSR when assessing Vendors for compliance with LA WIC Vendor Rules and Regulations beginning February 16, 2022.

LA WIC has made temporary changes to the following documents to reflect these updates:

- [LA WIC Vendor Guide](#) (the "Guide"), effective as of February 16, 2022. The Guide replaces the *Louisiana WIC Vendor Guide, revised 01/2022*. The temporary MSR has been added as an appendix to the Guide.
- [LA WIC Vendor Policy Manual](#), effective as of February 16, 2022. The Manual replaces the *Louisiana WIC Vendor Policy Manual, effective 12/2021*.
- [LA WIC Approved Food List](#) (WIC-23), effective as of February 16, 2022. The Food List replaces the *LA WIC Approved Food List (WIC-23), effective 01/2022*. The temporary MSR has been added to the WIC-23 on page 1.
- [LA WIC Vendor Self Assessment Form](#), effective as of February 16, 2022. The Form replaces the *Vendor Self Assessment Form, effective 01/2022*.

As an Authorized WIC Vendor (Vendor), your store entered into a Vendor Agreement with LA WIC and agreed to comply, at all times, with all LA WIC Vendor Rules and Regulations, and any changes thereto made during the Agreement period.

If your store disagrees with any changes reflected above, your store may elect to withdraw from participation in LA WIC by providing written notice to LA WIC within fifteen (15) calendar days of the date of this notice.

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If you should have any questions, please feel free to 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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