



State of Louisiana
Louisiana Department of Health
Office of Public Health

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

FROM: Natalie Istre, Vendor Manager

RE: **WIC Vendor Initial Authorization Application Period**

Dear Vendor,

The Louisiana WIC Program (LA WIC) will no longer process Vendor Applications for Initial Authorization immediately prior to and during the annual vendor reauthorization period, June 1st – October 1st, unless the vendor applicant would serve a participant access need.

Stores that would like to apply for WIC Initial Authorization between June 1st – October 1st and believe they would serve a participant access need should complete and submit the [LA WIC Vendor Initial Authorization Application Request](#) form. Upon receipt of the form, LA WIC will conduct a participant access determination. If the vendor applicant would serve a participant access need, LA WIC will supply the vendor applicant with the Initial Authorization Application for submission. If not, LA WIC will notify the vendor applicant that they may submit an Application for Initial Authorization from October 2nd – May 31st.

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

Sincerely,

LA WIC Vendor Operations Unit

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