



Procedure to add a UPC to the Approved

Product List (APL) Database for the Louisiana WIC Program

1. The Louisiana WIC program will accept UPCs year round for products in the following categories.
 - a. Dried Beans
 - b. Eggs
 - c. Homogenized Milk
 - d. Lactose Free Homogenized Milk
 - e. 8 or 16 oz. Cheese
 - f. Canned tuna and salmon
2. Effective January 1, 2020, the following categories will be added to the above list for UPCs that will be accepted year round.
 - a. Canned Beans
 - b. Canned and Frozen Fruit
 - c. Canned and Frozen Vegetables
 - d. Canned Sardines
3. UPC changes and updates of **currently approved** brand specific food items, will be accepted year round. Please refer to the approved food list located at <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/nutrition/WIC/FoodBrochure.pdf> .
4. Louisiana will conduct a review every two years to add and delete brand specific foods. Addition of approved food items will be dependent on meeting the USDA specifications for nutrients, Louisiana specifications for package size, availability and consumer request. Submission of an item that meets the USDA specifications does not guarantee it will be approved for purchase in Louisiana.
5. A food manufacturer, wholesale distributor or retail vendor may submit a UPC to the state program using the form at <http://ldh.la.gov/assets/oph/nutrition/WIC/CurrentVendor/LAWICRequestAddUPCForm20190416.pdf> . A separate form must be completed for each UPC request.
6. When a UPC request is received, it is forwarded to the Clinical Services Section for review and approval.

7. The request is reviewed to ensure the item meets the USDA and state specifications. The reviewer will communicate approval or disapproval of the item to the LAWICUPC group.
8. If the item is approved, the LAWICUPC group will notify the submitter and the start date.
9. If the item is disapproved, the LAWICUPC group will notify the submitter.