



Memorandum

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TO: Regional Medical Directors for
Health Service Regions 4/5, 6 & 5 South, 9/10 and 11
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: No Refrigeration or Cooking Facilities (Homeless) Food Packages

The memo applies only to local agencies that issue the *No Refrigeration or Cooking Facilities* food packages. Due to the addition of canned beans in August, there are some changes you need to be aware of to the *No Refrigeration* food packages. Starting in August, participants issued a *No Refrigeration* food package with canned beans will be limited to purchase only Bush's Best Butter Beans or Bush's Best Vegetarian Baked Beans. All other types of canned beans pictured and listed on the *Texas WIC Shopping Guide for No Refrigeration/No Access to Cooking Facilities* (WIC-34-5) will not scan at the store.

In August, new food package codes will be provided for *No Refrigeration* food packages. The current food package codes *will not* transition to the new food package codes. In August you will need to manually change their food package code. The new food packages will allow these participants to buy the same canned beans as all other participants.

During May through July, you have two options for handling the transition to the new food packages.

Option 1

In May, June and July, issue the current food package codes only through the month of July and have the participant return the first week in August to issue a food package with the new code. Provide a *revised* WIC-34-5 shopping guide with updated types and brands of beans.

Option 2

In May, June and July, issue advance benefits up to three months. Participants receiving benefits through August, September or October will only be able to purchase Bush's Best Butter Beans or Bush's Best Vegetarian Baked Beans. Provide the *current Texas WIC Shopping Guide for No Refrigeration/No Access to Cooking Facilities*, WIC-34-5 shopping guide and circle butter beans and baked beans indicating these are the only types they can buy starting in August until they get the new food package at their next appointment.

Currently, there are twelve participants receiving these food packages statewide so we expect these changes to have minimal impact on clinics and participants. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Kanter, Clinical Nutrition Specialist, at 512-341-4574 or paula.kanter@dshs.state.tx.us.