



VENDOR MANAGEMENT & OPERATIONS UNIT

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High Risk Vendor Analysis Project

A 12-18 month project that Vendor Management & Operations (VMO) is undertaking in an effort to improve how the program assesses high risk vendors among its WIC retail grocer community (aka WIC authorized vendors).

PURPOSE

Develop a statistically based and supported methodology for analyzing high risk among the WIC vendor community. This new methodology will update and replace the existing USDA approved methodology for analyzing high risk vendors.

TIMELINE

This project began in late October 2015. VMO projects to have the project completed by September 30, 2016 at which time VMO will submit to USDA for approval. It is projected that the USDA review and approval period is from October 1, 2016 through April 2017. An updated timeline will be added to the website as it develops and is updated.

PHASE II: STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

We are seeking stakeholder engagement from our WIC retail grocer community. Please submit your response to the following questions by email to Paul Gesn at paul.gesn@dshs.texas.gov **no later than February 12, 2016.**

- What do you consider as indicators of fraud, waste, and abuse in the retail grocery industry?
- What do you consider as an indicator of high risk considering the industry your business is in?
- Are there certain food products that have a higher risk rating than others? If so, provide a list of those products that are WIC eligible only.