



**TEXAS WIC PROGRAM**  
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## **Impact of Hurricane IKE for WIC EBT Vendors**

As you are aware, Hurricane Ike is poised to hit the Texas Coast late this week. There will be major evacuations of several coastal areas as Hurricane Ike approaches landfall. Many of the people evacuating in advance of Hurricane Ike will be WIC participants who may seek to redeem food benefits in your stores.

In many of the coastal areas being evacuated, WIC electronic benefits transfer (EBT) has not yet rolled out and WIC paper vouchers are still being issued. This Vendor News Flash is a reminder to all Texas WIC vendors in areas of the state where EBT is presently implemented that you must also accept valid Texas WIC paper vouchers if they are presented for redemption at your store. Following the same process as before the implementation of EBT in your area, vendors are reminded to submit to the State a State of Texas Purchase Voucher along with any paper food vouchers accepted at their store within 30 calendar days from the last date to spend on the WIC food voucher (See WIC Vendor Agreement, Section 2.s) to receive reimbursement for the paper WIC vouchers.

If you have any questions on accepting WIC paper vouchers contact the WIC Vendor Help Line at:

**1-800-252-9629**