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WIC State Policy WV: 10.0

Selection of Vendors for WIC Initial Authorization of Site and Calculation and Use of Vendor Competitive Pricing Data

In a letter dated June 13, 2014, Texas vendors were provided advanced written notice of changes being made to WIC State Policy WV:10.0, *Selection of Vendors for WIC Initial Authorization of Site and Calculation and Use of Vendor Competitive Pricing Data*. These changes were scheduled to become effective August 1, 2014. The revised policy dated August 1, 2014 accompanied the letter.

The primary change to the policy was the addition of contract limiting criteria which required all new vendor sites authorized by the WIC Program to be Full-Line Grocery stores or a pharmacy as defined in the policy. With the enactment of the August 1st policy revision, the State Agency also intended to lift the current moratorium on new vendor applications that has been in place since April 2011. A copy of this notice can be found on the web at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/vo/vnews.shtm>

Although these changes to State Policy WV:10.0 were approved in writing by USDA, USDA has decided to delay the effective date of implementation for further consideration. **Therefore, the current version of State Policy WV:10.0, dated 10-1-2013, will remain in effect until further notice.** The current version of State Policy WV:10.0 governs initial WIC authorizations and vendor competitive pricing data under your FY 2014 WIC Vendor Agreement and shall remain in effect for the FY 2015 Vendor Agreement period unless revised at a later date. Additionally, the current moratorium on new vendor applications will remain in effect until further notice. The current State Policy WV:10.0, dated 10-1-2013, can be found on the web at:

<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/vo/policy.shtm>

We regret any confusion that the contract limiting criteria contained in the August 1, 2014, State Policy revision of Policy WV:10.0, and the accompanying announced lifting of the vendor moratorium on new WIC applications may have caused. Again, **State Policy WV:10.0, dated 10-1-2013, and the current vendor contracting moratorium on new WIC vendor applications remain in effect until further notice.**

If you have questions about this subject, please call the Texas Vendor Watts line at 1-800-252-9629.