



TEXAS WIC PROGRAM
Department of State Health Services
Food Issuance and Redemption Services Unit - MC 4554
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August 30, 2012

Changes to the WIC Program Beginning October 1, 2012

Several changes are being made in the WIC Program starting on October 1, 2012. One change that has already occurred is a change in format for the State's Full Disclosure Report which can be accessed at:

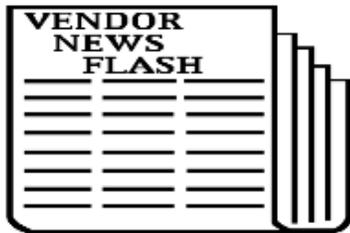
<http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/vo/instructionsforfulldisclosurereport.shtm>

The Full Disclosure Report, which details all food items redeemed by a store for a process month along with annotations of any cost containment adjustments, is being modified to include the UPC number for each item sold in the store for that month.

Additionally, food package changes beginning October 1, 2012, are listed below.

- **Mixed fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables will be authorized for purchase by WIC participants. Please see the attached Vendor News Flash describing what mixed fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables are allowed and not allowed.**
- **Similac Advance and Sensitive will continue to be the milk-based infant formula authorized by the WIC Program; however, Gerber Good Start Soy will become the authorized soy-based formula. The Vendor News Flash sent to you on April 20, 2012, is attached for you to again review the specific WIC authorized infant formulas effective October 1, 2012. This change will occur on October 1, 2012 with no overlap or grace period. Information is also enclosed on how to obtain new EBT training cards that have the new soy formula category/subcategory on them.**
- **The WIC Program will be removing certain buttermilks and juices from the Authorized Product List effective October 1, 2012. The WIC Program previously sent information on the deletion of these products from the APL to vendors who were selling these products. However, as manufacturers have updated their products and labels, the list of specific products being deleted from the APL has changed. Please see the attached letter dated August 30, 2012, which identifies the current list of buttermilks and juices that will no longer be authorized by the WIC Program effective October 1, 2012.**
- **A summary of specific brand/food item changes for FY13 is also attached.**

If you have any questions, please contact 1-800-252-9629.



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NEW 2013 - Mixed Fresh and Frozen Fruits & Vegetables Allowed

Effective October 1, 2012, mixed fresh and frozen fruits and vegetables are allowed:

FRESH

Sell:

- Single or mixed
- Whole, pre-cut or packaged
- Yams or sweet potatoes
- Bagged lettuce or vegetables
- Organic is allowed

Don't sell:

- White potatoes such as russet, Yukon gold, purple or red
- Items from the salad bar, party trays or fruit baskets
- Salads with dressing or croutons
- Decorative or ornamental fruits or vegetables (such as garlic on a string, painted pumpkins, gourds)
- Nuts, dried fruits or dried vegetables
- Bulk dried beans
- Spices or herbs (such as cilantro, parsley, chives, mint or thyme)

FROZEN

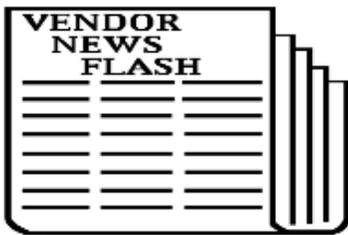
Sell:

- Single or mixed
- 9 oz. package or larger
- Any package type (box or bag)
- Organic is allowed
- With or without salt or herbs

Don't sell:

- White potatoes such as french fries, hash browns or any mixtures containing potatoes
- Creamed, sauced, specially seasoned or breaded vegetables
- Salads with dressing or croutons
- Added sugars, artificial sweeteners, fats or oils
- Vegetables mixed with pasta, rice or any other ingredients





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April 20, 2012

WIC Soy Infant Formula Changes October 1, 2012

Beginning October 1, 2012, the Texas WIC Program will issue Gerber Good Start Soy Infant Formula as its primary soy-based infant formula. The Gerber Good Start Soy formula will be issued instead of Similac Isomil Soy. Specifically:

- Gerber Good Start Soy Powder 12.9 oz
UPC 050000035304 CAN
UPC 050000353125 Case of 6 cans
- Gerber Good Start Soy Concentrate 12.1 oz
UPC 050000034581 CONTAINER
UPC 050000345854 Case of 12 Containers

There will be NO TRANSITION PERIOD BETWEEN THE ISSUANCE OF Similac Isomil Soy to the Gerber Good Start Soy. All WIC infants receiving Similac Isomil Soy in September 2012 will only be able to redeem Gerber Good Start Soy in October 2012.

Every three to four years the Texas WIC Program is required to solicit bids for rebates on Milk-based and Soy-based infant formulas issued to WIC babies. In the past a single manufacturer has won the bid for both the milk-based and soy-based formulas. This year the bid was split, Gerber won the Soy-based formula and Abbott Labs retained the Milk-based formula. Therefore, the Texas WIC Program will continue to issue the Similac milk-based formulas currently authorized. They are:

- Similac Advance Powder 12.4 oz
UPC 070074559582 CAN
UPC 070074559575 Case of 6 cans
UPC 070074566528 Case of 6 cans
- Similac Advance Concentrate 13 oz
UPC 070074569741 CAN
UPC 070074569734 Case of 12 cans
- Similac Sensitive Powder 12.6 oz
UPC 070074575414 CAN
UPC 070074575391 Case of 6 cans
- Similac Sensitive Concentrate 13 oz
UPC 070074575360 CAN
UPC 070074575353 Case of 12 cans

If you have any questions, please contact 1-800-252-9629.

WIC Primary Formulas Effective October 1, 2012

MILK BASED



SOY BASED



12.9 oz. Powder
UPC 050000035304

12.1 oz. Concentrate
UPC 050000034581



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Replacement of WIC EBT Training Cards

The contract brand for Soy Infant Formula is changing effective October 1, 2012. After this date, existing WIC EBT training cards will not contain the current Soy Infant Formula.

If you want new training cards, **send your existing WIC EBT training cards to our office so we may replace them with the new training cards.**

Please complete the form on the reverse of this Vendor News Flash. Send the cards and form to:

**Texas Department of State Health Services
WIC Program, Mail Code 4554
Attention: Aida Martinez
Food Issuance & Redemption Services (FIRS)
P.O. Box 149347
Austin, Texas 78714-9347**

If you have any questions regarding WIC EBT training cards you may contact Aida Martinez at (800) 252-9629 ext 2510 or email her at aida.martinez@dshs.state.tx.us

Once we receive the training cards and the enclosed form from your store, we will issue the same number of new WIC training cards to your store.



WIC EBT Training Card Return Form

Store Name (Please Print)	
Store Address:	
WIC Account #	WIC Outlet #

WIC EBT Training Card Return Form

WIC EBT Training cards are to be used by grocers to conduct ECR system training for all members of their store personnel. If you want or need new training cards, **send your existing WIC EBT training cards to our office so we may replace them with the new training cards.**

These cards are the property of Texas Department of State Health Services, WIC EBT Project and upon request are to be returned to them.

The PAN Numbers of the training cards being returned are as follows:

<i>(Example; 1234-5678-9876-5432-123 – 19 characters)</i>
Card 1:
Card 2:
Card 3:
Card 4:
Card 5:

Grocer Signature	Date
Grocer Printed Name	Title (Please Print)





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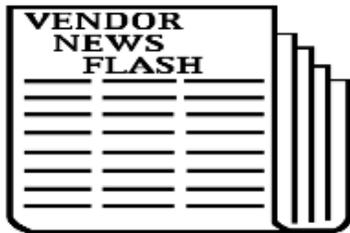
To: All WIC Program Retailers

Effective October 1, 2012, the WIC Program will be removing certain buttermilks and juices from the Authorized Product List (APL). The buttermilks do not have the required amount of Vitamin D and the juices do not have the required Vitamin C.

Effective October 1, 2012, when the buttermilks and juices are no longer authorized by the WIC Program and are removed from the APL, these items will no longer scan as WIC items in your stores and will not be reimbursed if sold to a WIC participant. Also, please ensure that your Least Expensive Brand Declaration forms submitted with your FY2013 (October 1, 2012) contract declare buttermilk and juice products other than the ones identified below:

BUTTERMILK	UPC	DESCRIPTION
	00000041163690448	ALBERTSON 1 % BUTTERMILK 1/2 GAL
	00000014000003213	BORDEN BUTTERMILK 1/2 GAL
	00000041900054533	FIELDCREST LOWFAT BUTTERMILK 1/2 GAL
ORANGE JUICE	UPC	DESCRIPTION
	00000070038322115	BEST CHOICE ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
	00000070038470199	BEST CHOICE REFRIG ORANGE JUICE W/CAL 64 OZ
	00000016300150017	FL NAT GRO PRIDE ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
	00000020500017247	FLORIDA'S CHOICE HOMESTYLE ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
	00000020500017230	FLORIDA'S CHOICE ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
	00000020500017629	FLORIDA'S CHOICE ORANGE JUICE W/CA 64 OZ REF
	00000016300150567	FLORIDA'S NATURAL ORANGE JUICE W/CA 64 OZ REF
	00000036800185296	FOOD CLUB ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
	00000036800185319	FOOD CLUB ORANGE JUICE W/CA 64 OZ REF
	00000041163621725	GOOD DAY ORANGE JUICE 64 FL OZ REFRG
	00000041220520749	HCF ORANGE JUICE W/CA REFRIG 64 OZ
	00000041220388257	HFC ORANGE JUICE REFRIG 64 OZ
	00000041220809387	HILL COUNTRY FARE ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ
	00000050700262819	HY TOP ORANGE JUICE REF 64 OZ
	00000050700560168	HY TOP ORANGE JUICE/CALC REF 64 OZ
	00000070026015821	HYGEIA ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
	00000011110488954	KROGER ORANGE JUICE HOMESTLYE REFR 64 OZ
	00000011110484802	KROGER ORANGE JUICE REF 64 OZ
	00000011110489029	KROGER ORANGE JUICE W/CA REF 64 OZ
	00000039614421819	NATURAL COUNTRY ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ
	00000041467000547	SCHEPPS ORANGE JUICE 64 OZ REF
GRAPEFRUIT	UPC	DESCRIPTION
	00000031200274076	OCEAN SPRAY PINK GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 64 OZ
	00000031200276278	OCEAN SPRAY RUBY GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 64 OZ
	00000031200270078	OCEAN SPRAY WHITE GRAPEFRUIT JUICE 64 OZ

If you have any questions or desire any additional information, please contact the Vendor Relations Group at 1-800-252-9629 or 1-512-341-4400.



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CHANGES TO THE FY 2013 WIC APPROVED FOODS

Effective October 1, 2012, the following changes will be implemented to the Texas WIC Approved Foods:

ADDING	DROPPING
<p><u>Mixed fruits and Vegetables</u> – fresh and frozen</p> <p><u>Cereals</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kellogg’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All Bran Complete Wheat Flakes – 18 oz box <p><u>Canned Beans</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Allen’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dark Red Kidney Beans – 15.5 oz can • Light Red Kidney Beans – 15.5 oz can <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Bush’s Best</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannellini Beans (white kidney bean) – 15.5 oz can • Dark Red Kidney Beans – 16 oz can • Reduced Sodium Dark Red Kidney Beans – 16 oz can <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Casserole - new submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fat Free Refried Pinto Beans – 16 oz can <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Progresso</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cannellini Beans (white kidney bean) – 15 oz can <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Trappey’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Light Red Kidney Beans – 15.5 oz can <p><u>Soy Milk</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lucerne – Plain 64 oz <p><u>Oatmeal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Choice Old Fashion – 16 oz • Best Choice Quick – 16 oz • Granvita Oats– 16 oz 	<p><u>Cereals</u></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">General Mills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kix – 36 oz only <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Kellogg’s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Frosted Mini Wheats – Touch of Fruit • Unfrosted Mini Wheats <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Malt-O-Meal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blueberry Mini Spooners – ALL sizes/packages • Crispy Rice –ALL sizes/packages • Oat Blenders with Honey - 18 oz bag only • Oat Blenders with Honey and Almonds - 18 oz bag only • Malt-O-Meal Oat Blenders– 36 oz club pack only • Malt-O-Meal Oat Blenders with Almonds – 36 oz club pack only <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Quaker</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grits - 36 oz only <p><u>Canned Beans</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Van Camp’s New Orleans Style Red Kidney Beans • Allen’s Black-eye peas fresh shelled

If you have any questions, please contact us at the WIC Vendor Hotline: 1-800-252-8629