

UTAH WIC PROGRAM

Vendor Management

Interactive Training® for WIC Vendors

Utah WIC Program (Rev 1/2018)

The Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC) is a special supplemental food program providing nutritious foods that are high in *iron, protein, calcium, and vitamins A, C, and D.*

The WIC Program serves:

- Pregnant, postpartum, & breastfeeding women
- Infants
- Children up to five (5) years of age



WIC participants:

- Must meet income criteria
- Be determined by health professionals to be at nutritional risk

The Retailer's Role:

- Provide WIC participants with nutritious food products
- Transact the WIC checks for the specific food items in the sizes and quantities listed on the check

The WIC Program can be a profitable part of the store's business

- Only foods listed in the Utah
 Authorized WIC Food List can be purchased
- A "Special Food Letter" is required for any exceptions
- The food list should be accessible at each check stand
- Cashiers should be familiar with the WIC food items on the authorized list



When "Store brand/Private label" is indicated

- A private label or a store brand must be purchased
- If no store brand or private label is carried by the store, the WIC customer may purchase the cheapest brand name
- For cold cereal and juice, stores must carry a store brand/private label and cannot substitute a name brand

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Using your WIC Checks



. Take your WIC ID Packet with your checks to any WIC approved store.

2 Use the checks for the current month based on the "First Date to Use" and "Last Date to Use."



From F. Sprench

- 3. Separate your WIC items, by check, from your other purchases.
- 4. If you cannot find an item, speak with customer service or a grocery clerk.

5. At the cash register, give your WIC check(s) and WIC ID Packet to the cashier.



- . Sign within the box using black ink. Your signature must match the signature on your WIC ID Packet
- You may not return your WIC foods to the store for cash, credit or other items.
- ▼ Please treat store staff with respect and courtesy.
- If you have problems at the grocery store, speak with the store manager to resolve the problem. If the manager is unable to resolve the problem, call your WIC clinic or the State WIC Program at 1-877-WIC-KIDS. Make sure to keep track of the store name. date/time, names of people involved, and save your receipt.

Never sell, trade, or give away WIC foods: this is considered fraud.

It is not required to purchase all items on your checks. Speak to the WIC staff if you do not use or need all the foods listed on your checks. If you suspect any fraud, please report it to your local WIC clinic.

"Store Brands/Private Labels: A store brand (also called a private label) must be purchased when indicated in the Utah Authorized WIC Foods booklet. Some examples of store brands/private labels include: Western Family, Kroger, Great Value, Signature Kitchens, Signature Farms, Lucerne, Harmons, Market Pantry, WinCo, (Malt-O-Meal cereals are authorized under this definition). Other store brands/private labels may be available. If a store carries more than one store brand/private label then either product may be purchased regardless of price. If the store does not carry a store brand/ private label for the WIC food item, then the cheapest brand can be purchased.

When certain brands are specified in the Authorized WIC Foods booklet, only those brands listed may be purchased.

Organic: Organic food items are not allowed except for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Special Food Letter: Foods not listed in this booklet may only be purchased if your WIC clinic gives you a "Special Food Letter." The letter must be printed on local or State Health Department letterhead.



Infant Cereal

Buy: Dry, 8 oz container

Gerber, Beechnut Complete, Beechnut Sensitive

- Oatmoal
- Rico
- Mixed Grain/Multigrain
- Barley
- Whole Wheat







Baby Food

Buy: Single fruit, single vegetable, mixed fruits, mixed vegetables, or fruits mixed with vegetables

- Beechnut Classics, Beechnut Naturals, Tippy Toes







2-packs count as 2 jars

- 4 oz 2-packs
- Gerber



Do Not Buy: Medleys, dinners, delights, custards, cobblers, desserts, organic or any added ingredients

Baby Food Meat

Baby food meats are an extra benefit for fully-breastfed infants.

Buy: "Single meat" variety with added broth or gravy



Gerber, Beechnut Classics, Tippy Toes

Do Not Buy: Meat sticks, dinners, organic or added ingredients except for added broth or gravy

Infant Formula

Buy: Size and description as printed on check

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Milk

Buy: *Store brand/private label

- Pasteurized, Size, description. and fat content as printed on check.
- Lactose-free milk only if printed on check

Do Not Buy: Flavored, Skim Royale/Delight, unpasteurized, raw

Cheese

Buy: *Store brand/private label

- Block, mozzarella string, domestic. May combine different sizes to equal amount printed on check. Package or individual (1 oz) mozzarella string cheese equaling 16 oz are authorized.
- Cheddar (mild, medium, or sharp)
- Colby/Colby Jack
- Longhorn/Longhorn Colby
- Monterey Jack
- Mozzarella





Do Not Buy: Deli, sliced, shredded, reduced-fat, cheese food/spread/product, name brand string cheese, any other variety of cheese not listed (i.e., Pepper Jack)

Buy: *Store brand/private label

. Large or medium, white

Do Not Buy: Brown, cage-free, omega-3



Buy: 32 oz containers or smaller containers in combinations that equal 32 oz.

- Any flavor
- · Fat content as printed on check
- · Added fruit is allowed



Activia

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Yoplait

Greek

Regular

Original

Light

Greek

Activia Light

Activia Greek

Do Not Buy: Yogurts sold with accompanying mix-in ingredients such as granola, candy pieces, honey, nuts and similar ingredients, drinkable yogurts, yogurts in tubes, whips

Reduced Fat/Lowfat/Non-Fat Yogurts

- Market Pantry
- Lucerne
 - Regular
 - Greek Open Nature Greek
- Great Value
- Kroger
- Western Family/
- Shurfine
- Dannon
 - Regular · Light & Fit
 - Light & Fit Greek
 - ixos Oikos
 - Oikos Triple Zero
- Oikos 0%
- พงเพรียิเพละ Mountain High
- Lactose Free Brown Cow Smooth & Creamy

Thick & Creamy

Greek Blended

Light Thick & Creamy

Greek 100 Calories

Trix/ Kids Character

Whole Fat Yogurts











Lucerne



 Yoplait Kids Yoplait Custard



Juice

Buv: "Store brand/private label

- . Unsweetened, 100% juice; single flavor only
- . Size as printed on check
- Regular flavor or low sodium for tomato/vegetable

Do Not Buy: Refrigerated luices

(except orange juice), cocktails, blends, nectars, ciders, 59 oz container

Calcium-fortified juice and cranberry juice require a Special Food Letter.

Children: 84 oz container

. 84 oz refrigerated container for orange juice is allowed



Apple | White Grape | Tomato | Orange



Apple | Grape or White Grape | Pineapple Grapefruit | Orange | Vegetable



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Women: 12 0z Frozen Juice



Great Value: Apple | Orange













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Vegetables & Fruits



Buy: Dollar amount as listed on cash value voucher

- . Whole, pre-cut or packaged fresh fruits & vegetables
- All types of potatoes are allowed.
- . Fresh salsa without added sugar or oil is allowed
- Organic allowed
- · Fresh ginger or garlic

Do Not Buy: Frozen, canned, dried, roasted, decorative, packages/party travs with dips, dressings. added nuts or noodles, salad bars, herbs and spices (see below), salsa with sugar or oil, pasteurized salsa

The following herbs and spices are not allowed:

Aloe vera, anise, basil, bay leaves, caraway, chervil, chives, cilantro, dill, fenugreek, horseradish, lemon grass, marjoram, mint, oregano, parsley, rosemary, sage, savory, tarragon, thyme, vanilla bean



If the total purchase price of fruits and vegetables is above the maximum amount listed on your check, you can pay the difference.

Do not sign your check until the cashier has written in the total purchase price. This should not be more than the amount listed on your check.





Buy: "Store brand/private label

- 1 lb (16 oz) dry package
- Low sodium allowed
- 15-18 oz can
- . Black, Black-eyed Peas, Butter Beans, Fat Free Refried Beans, Garbanzo (chickpeas), Great Northern, Kidney, Lentils, Lima, Navy, Pinto, Red, Split Peas, White

Do Not Buy: Added vegetables or fruits, added sugar, fats or oils, flavored, bean soup mix, mayocoba, mixed beans, chili, baked beans, beans with meat, canned green peas, snap beans, green beans, wax beans, any other variety of refried beans

Peanut Butter

Buy: "Store brand/private label

. 16-18 oz creamy, crunchy, extra crunchy, reduced fat or natural

Do Not Buy: Added honey/jelly, marshmallows, chocolate, or other similar ingredients. peanut butter spreads/reduced fat spreads



Canned Fish

Canned fish is an extra benefit for mothers who are fully breastfeeding.

Buy: "Store brand/private label

- . 5 oz chunk light tuna, pink salmon, or jack mackerel Water or oil packed
- Do Not Buy: Solid white or chunk white albacore tuna; red, blueback, atlantic, or sockeye salmon; low sodium; gourmet; flavored/seasoned; pouches

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Cereal

Buy: *Store brand/private label, (12 oz sizes or larger for cold cereal). Boxes or bags in combinations equal to or less than amount printed on check. May buy hot cereal as part of combination.

Do Not Buy: Cold cereal box sizes smaller than 12 oz, added fruit, or low sugar

These store brand/private label cereals meet the Federal WIC guidelines for iron and sugar content.















Signature Kitchens: Bran Flakes | Toasted Oats | Crispy Rice | Rice Pockets | Honey Oats & Flakes (Original or Almonds)









WinCo: Frosted Shredded Wheat (bite-size)

§ Crisp Rice | Bran Flakes

















Great Value: Crunchy Honey Oats | Frosted Toasted Rice | Toasted Wheat (O's Oat Cereal (Multigrain O's | Crunchy Oat Squares |













Western Family: Corn Flakes | Frosted Shredded Wheat Bran | Oats & More (Original or Almonds) Nutty Nuggets €













Kroger: Rice Bitz | Oat Squares | Corn Flakes Frosted Shredded Wheat (bite-size; Original, Blueberry or Strawberry) Nutty Nuggets Rran Flakes Honey Crisp Medley (Original or Almonds) | Living Well

| Crispy Rice | Multi-Grain Toasted Oats
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Malt-O-Meal: (Bags or Boxes) Frosted Mini Spooners (Original, Blueberry or Strawberry Cream)

| Crispy Rice

Hot Cereal (Regular flavor only unless specified)







Western Family: Creamy Wheat Farina | Instant Oatmeal (packets only) !

WinCo: Instant Oatmeal (packets only)

















Signature Kitchens: Instant Oatmeal (packets only)

Great Value: Instant Oatmeal (packets only)

















21/2 Minutes | Cream of Rice (Regular or Instant)





Original Hot Wheat | Chocolate Hot Wheat Co Co Wheats

Whole Grain 8

Whole Grain Options Whole Wheat Bread

Buy: 100% Whole Wheat Bread, 16 oz







Dunford Bakers: Wheat Bread. Multigrain Bread

Smith's: 100% Whole Wheat Round Top Bread

Sara Lee: Classic 100% Whole Wheat

Franz: 100% Whole Wheat

Wonder: 100% Whole Wheat Bimbo: 100% Whole Wheat

Nature's Own: 100% Whole Wheat with Honey

Great Grains: 100% Whole Wheat Bread

WinCo: 100% Whole Wheat Bread

Do Not Buy: Buns, rolls, bagels, white bread

Brown Rice Buy: "Store brand/private label 14 oz (Instant only)

18 oz (Regular, quick-cooking)

Do Not Buy: Boil-in-bag, ready-to-serve, added flavors/seasonings



Buy: 100% Whole Wheat Pasta, 16 oz

. Whole wheat flour and/or whole durum wheat flour must be the only flour ingredients listed









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Do Not Buy: Pasta made with white flour or a mix of different types of flour or with added sugars, fats, oils, or salt (sodium)

Tortillas

Buy: Whole Wheat or Corn Tortillas, 18 oz

Great Value: Whole Wheat



Kroger Whole Wheat



La Burrita: Yellow Corn



MiCasa: Whole Wheat



Rancho Market: Corn



Ortega: Whole Wheat



Market Pantry: Whole Wheat



White Corn



La Banderita Whole Wheat or Corn

Faiita Whole Wheat

Herdez:

White Corn

Mission:

Yellow Corn





Whole Wheat



Don Pancho: Whole Wheat or White Corn



Do Not Buy: White flour tortillas, hard shells, wraps, uncooked

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(2) fax: (202) 690-7442; or

(3) email: program.intake@usda.gov.

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UPC Database for WIC Foods

- Update UPCs for all authorized WIC food items (remove unauthorized items)
- There may be several brands that are authorized



 If a UPC is not recognized as a WIC item, contact a supervisor if you have questions

VENDOR PEER GROUPING

- Vendor peer grouping is based on various criteria such as: store type, size, sales volume, and location
- Using a statistical formula, WIC vendors are placed in one of five peer groups
- Peer grouping is used to determine maximum allowable prices and minimum stocking requirements



VENDOR PEER GROUPING

- Federal cost containment regulations
 require vendor pricing on WIC foods to
 be competitive with other vendors in the
 same peer group
- Your peer grouping can be found on your
 WIC Vendor Agreement

MINIMUM INVENTORY REQUIREMENTS



- Each retailer must stock a variety of WIC foods in the quantities and sizes specified in the Vendor Agreement
- Stores must acquire additional quantities or brands of infant formula in order to redeem checks within 72 hours of notification of the need
- Refer to the Vendor Agreement to determine the minimum inventory levels for your peer group

AUTHORIZED WHOLESALERS

- WIC vendors may only obtain infant formula from State approved wholesalers, distributors or retailers
- An approved list is available from the State Agency or on the Utah WIC website



The following are examples of two types of WIC checks...

Regular Check

UTAH WIC PROGRAM UTAH DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH DIVISION OF FAMILY HEALTH & PREPAREDNESS BOX 141013 • SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84114-1013 VOID IF VENDOR DOES NOT HAVE A VALID UTAH WIC VENDOR AGREEMENT THIS DOCUMENT HAS A MICROPRINT BORDER AND A WATERMARK. ABSENCE OF THESE WILL INDICATE A COPY.	75-1248 919 Acct #: 80		Jse: 4/1/2014 Jse: 4/30/2014
Clinic ID: 32-23251 Name: Sally Sample	FID: 542081		
1 (16-18 OZ) AUTHORIZED PEANUT BUTTER 1 (14 TO 16-OZ SIZE) AUTHORIZED BREAD OR TORTILLAS OR BROWN 2 (GALLON) COW'S MILK - SKIM, 1%, 2% 1 (12OZ) FROZEN CONCENTRATE AUTHORIZED JUICE	N RICE	VENDOR NUMBER / DATE USED STAMP	PAY EXACTLY
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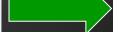
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When presented with either type of WIC check, ask to see the Utah WIC I.D. Packet

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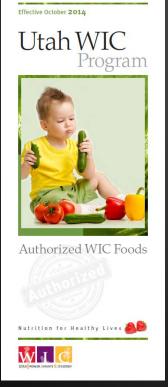
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	Alternate Endorser Signature
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	Proxy #1 Signature
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	Proxy #2 Signature

Examine the "First Date to Use" and the "Last Date to Use" dates

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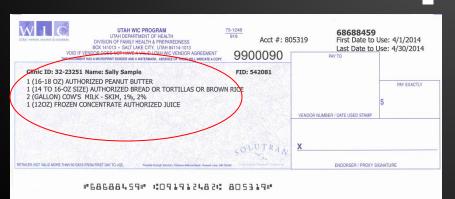
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Verify the selected items against each check and the Utah WIC Authorized Foods booklet





- Scan the food listed on the check (each check is a separate transaction)
- The WIC customer is not required to purchase all of the items listed on the check



If the WIC customer wishes
to purchase an item the store
does not have in stock, no
transaction should take place;
no rain checks can be issued

Promotions

- If there is a "buy one get one free" coupon or sale, the amount of food offered for free is NOT counted against the items on the check
- Stores cannot provide incentive items just to WIC customers that are not provided to other customers

WIC Food Items on Sale

• If a WIC food item is on sale, the vendor must allow the WIC client to purchase the item at the sale price



Loyalty Cards & Coupons

- Loyalty cards, manufacturer's coupons and store coupons can be used with WIC checks and must be allowed by the retailer
- Sales tax cannot be charged to the WIC Program

- After totaling the items on one specific check, write in the numerical total in the "Pay Exactly" box
- The numbers must be
 - legible
- Use a black pen
- No "\$" dollar signs



- If you make a mistake writing the total, cross out the incorrect amount, & write in the corrected amount in the Pay Exactly box (do not use liquid whiteout)
- Make sure the new amount is READABLE!

- Ask the customer to sign the check
- You must witness the signature, and it

must match one of the authorized signatures on the ID Packet

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Protect them from being lost, stolen or destroyed

Altered checks

- Cashiers should not accept checks that have been altered in any way
- Checks that have been pre-signed should not be accepted



- A store associate (usually the bookkeeper)
 will place the vendor number/date stamp
 on the front of the check before
 depositing it to the bank
- There can be no handwriting in this box



- If the vendor number or redemption date is not readable the check will not be accepted by the bank
- To correct a stamp imprint error, cover with a white sticker and re-stamp.

WIC checks cannot be paid with the following redemption errors:

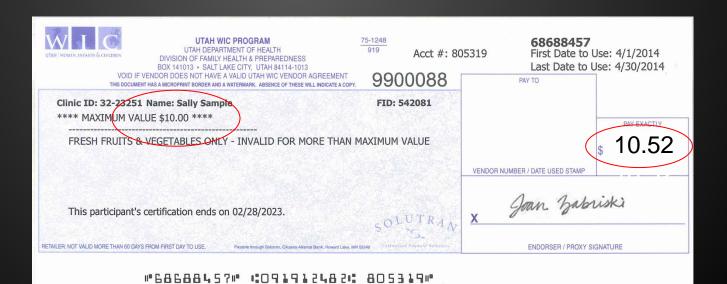
- Checks redeemed prior to the First Date to Use, or after the Last Date to Use,
- Checks missing the total amount
- Checks missing the authorized participant's signature

- Checks that have been altered
- If unauthorized food items were sold to the WIC customer
- Checks being presented at the bank after 60 days from the First Date to Use



Redemption error examples:

Total price written on the check is greater than the maximum value



TRANSACTING WIC CHECKS

Redemption error examples: Price greater than the value of the food items



All vendors must have a procedure in place to screen WIC checks for errors before they are deposited

- If the WIC check was rejected because of a missing or unreadable vendor/date stamp, the vendor may correct the stamp and redeposit it to the bank without submitting it to the State Agency for validation
- The date stamped must match the date of redemption

If a check is rejected because the purchase price is over the maximum amount, and the vendor wishes the check to be considered for payment, the vendor may mail the check to the State WIC Office

- A copy of the electronic transaction or receipt should be mailed along with the legal copy of the check
- The State Agency may make price adjustments to the total purchase price to ensure compliance

- The State Agency must validate (stamp)
 the check before the bank will accept it
- Validated checks must be redeposited within sixty (60) days of the "First Day to Use" date

DEALING WITH WIC CUSTOMERS

- On occasion, a WIC participant might violate WIC Program requirements or act inappropriately
- The vendor should report any violation of the Utah WIC Program on a business reply card for participant complaints

Sto	re Name WIC IDW
Add	fress
Sign	nature
Che	eck one or more boxes and provide details below:
	Participant tried to buy unauthorized items with WIC vouchers
	What unauthorized food items did they try to buy?
	Participant tried to request cash in redemption of WIC vouchers or in addition
_	foods
	Participant tried to return items purchased with WIC vouchers for cash or cred
	Participant was verbally or physically abusive to store employees
	Proxy tried to sign for participant and signatures did not match
	Other problems:
Ple	ase supply the following information from the voucher:
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Par	ticipant name on the front
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DEALING WITH WIC CUSTOMERS

Discourteous treatment of WIC customers is not allowed.

Please treat your WIC customers with the same courtesy as any other customer would expect to receive

DEALING WITH WIC CUSTOMERS

Civil Rights

In accordance with Federal law and Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, WIC is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability



WIC Vendors are held to this same standard

WIC Acronym & Logo

- The WIC acronym and logo may not be used by the vendor unless approved by the State Agency
- Stores may not use the acronym or logo in store signs or ads
- WIC channel strips or shelf talkers require
 State Agency approval before use

- The State Agency is required to conduct Compliance Purchases (secret shopper)
- Investigators posing as WIC participants will check to see if stores allow WIC violations to occur.
- Stores may be chosen at random or based on high risk criteria including excessive redemption errors
- A pattern of violations may result in disqualification

Federal and State Sanctions

 The store can be held accountable for all actions of its owners, managers, and employees who commit WIC violations



Disqualification from WIC And SNAP

(the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program also known as Food Stamps)

The State agency will disqualify a vendor who has been disqualified from SNAP

Federal Mandatory disqualification periods apply to the following WIC violations:

- Trafficking in WIC checks buying or selling checks for cash
- Selling firearms, ammunition, explosives, or controlled substances for WIC checks
- The sale of alcohol or tobacco in exchange for WIC checks;

- A pattern of claiming reimbursement for the sale of food which exceeds the store's documented inventory of that food;
- A <u>pattern</u> of vendor overcharges; (intentional or unintentional)

- A pattern of receiving, transacting and/or redeeming WIC checks outside of authorized channels, including the use of an unauthorized vendor and/or an unauthorized person;
- A pattern of charging for supplemental food not received by the participant; or

• A pattern of providing credit or non-food items in exchange for WIC checks

(No returns or exchanges of WIC foods)



• A pattern of providing <u>unauthorized</u> food items in exchange for WIC checks, including charging for supplemental foods provided in excess of those listed on the check



State Agency Violation Points and Sanctions

 State Agency violation points can be assigned for each violation which is documented.

State Agency Violation Points and Sanctions

- State Agency violation points are cumulative
- Violation points will be removed two (2) years after the date of the violation.

State Agency Violation Points and Sanctions

 Food vendors may be subject to violation points in addition to monetary claims for improper or overcharged WIC checks



State Agency Violation Points and Sanctions

- Sanctions are based on the number of points accumulated for one or more violations
- Excessive violation points may result in vendor disqualification or monetary penalties
- See the Utah WIC Vendor Agreement, or Vendor Training Manual for list of violations and point values

WIC TRAINING

All store employees who handle WIC transactions must be trained before serving customers and yearly thereafter

- This includes cashiers, bookkeepers and management
- WIC provides training materials including manuals and videos
- WIC sends out memos about changes
- See the Utah WIC web site at: www.health.utah.gov/wic

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