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WIC and SNAP Reciprocal Disqualifications

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) will disqualify any Vendor who has been disqualified from the WIC Program for any of the following WIC violations:

- Felony or misdemeanor violation of the law,
- Exchanging WIC food instruments for cash, credit, or anything other than WIC food, or
- Exchange of firearms, ammunition, explosive, or controlled substances for food instruments.

A pattern of the following will also disqualify a Vendor:

- Claiming reimbursement for the sale of an amount of a specific food item which exceeds the store's documented inventory of that food item for a specified period of time,
- Receiving, transacting, and/or redeeming WIC food instruments outside of authorized channels,
- Exchanging non-food items for a WIC food instrument,
- Charging WIC customers more for food than non-WIC customers or charging WIC customers more than the current shelf price, or
- Charging for food items not received by the WIC customer or for foods provided in excess of those listed on the food instrument.

The Food Stamp Program Rule became effective June 1, 1999 according to Section 278.6(e)(8) of the Food Stamp Program Regulations. There is no appeal of the FSP disqualification based on the WIC Program disqualification.

WIC Disqualification Based on SNAP Sanctions

Vendors disqualified by the SNAP shall be disqualified by the WIC Program according to 7 CFR 246.12(f)(2)(xix) of the WIC Program regulations, with no appeal of the WIC disqualification based on the SNAP disqualification.

Disqualification from one Program will mean disqualification from the other Program for any major violation(s).

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Vendor Unit in the WIC State Office at 222-4630, 222-4637, or 222-4633.

Si necesita ayuda en extender esta carta, por favor, llame al 222-5918 donde le ayudarán con la traducción.