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WIC Antifraud Law

WIC will disqualify and/or penalize any vendor, participant, or applicant whose signature on documents has been altered, falsified, or signed by another person.

This is to remind you that you cannot sign any document with another person's name. This is considered falsification and is covered under the WIC Antifraud Law which says:

“This act would establish criminal fines against WIC Program vendor, clients, staff or others who defraud or abuse the WIC Program through concealment, theft, misapplication or fraudulent obtaining of WIC funds or WIC Vendor identifier.”

The penalty for fraud, abuse, and deception is a fine of \$11,000 if the crime incurs a loss of \$500 or more, or \$1,000 if the crime incurs a loss of less than \$500.

Examples of Falsification:

- Signing any document with another person's name and presenting it to WIC;
- Misrepresentation by anyone as an authorized WIC Vendor is punishable by a fine of \$11,000 if there is transaction of WIC checks, or a \$1,000 penalty there is no evidence of WIC check transactions,
- Unauthorized possession or use of a WIC Vendor identifier (Vendor Stamp) brings a penalty of \$11,000 if the Stamp has been used in the transaction of WIC checks, or a penalty of \$1,000 if the Stamp has not been used in the transaction of WIC checks.

Any penalty imposed under the ACT is in addition to repayment of any claims and in addition to any other sanctions or penalties as set forth in WIC Program rules.

We believe that the vast majority of WIC Vendors are honest, hard working, and try to provide good value and service to the Program and its clients. This Act's intent is to discourage abuse of the WIC Program among a small group who try to fraudulently profit. They reduce Program funds going to those in need.

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