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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 \$25,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years or both, if the value of the funds is \$100 or more. If the value is less than \$100, the penalties are a fine of not more than \$1,000 or imprisonment for not more than one year or both.

Examples of Falsification:

- Signing any document with another person's name and presenting it to WIC
- Misrepresentation by anyone as an authorized WIC Vendor

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, 222-5939, 222-4633 or email us at doh.wicvendorsupport@health.ri.gov.

Si necesita ayuda en extender esta carta, por favor, llame al 222-5939 donde le ayudarán con la traducción