

# wic VIP

## VENDOR INFORMATION PUBLICATION



An e-newsletter for Alabama WIC Vendors

October 2021

### Mead Johnson New Look

Same Formula

Enfamil ProSobee 12.9 oz. Powder



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Effective October 1, 2021

Enfamil Reguline 12.4 oz. Powder



### Lactose Free/Reduced Milk

Half gallon containers of **lactose free/reduced milk** are WIC approved, this item does not have to be specified on the participant's shopping list or benefit balance.



### Self-Checkout

eWIC can be used at self-checkout for stores that have gained approval. For a list of WIC vendors approved for self-checkout, visit the Alabama eWIC website.

<http://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/wic/ewic.html>

If you are interested in accepting eWIC at self-checkouts in your store(s), please contact the State WIC Office to discuss requirements and setup a Level III Certification of your self-checkout register's software.

### WIC Compliance

A part of the compliance process is reviewing pertinent records and documents. Ensure all of management staff has knowledge and access to pertinent files in relation to WIC during vendor site visits.

### Price Survey Exemption

The Alabama WIC program has received a Shelf Price Exemption that excludes the collection of price surveys from currently authorized WIC vendors. The Alabama WIC Program is still federally required to collect shelf prices on all new vendors.

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### Produce Mapping (Linking)

The Alabama WIC Program requires retailers to map/link produce to an Alabama WIC-approved Price Look-Up (PLU) code. This means that any WIC-approved fresh fruit or vegetable without an International Federation of Produce Standards (IFPS)-approved PLU code must be mapped/linked to an IFPS-approved PLU code.

#### Store Responsibility:

- Map/link all required fresh fruits and vegetables.
- Contact your Electronic Cash Register (ECR) Provider for specific instructions on how to map/link produce, as every ECR is different.
- Ensure store personnel are trained to address issues that may occur.

Additional information about mapping can be found by visiting the Alabama eWIC for Vendors page at:

<https://www.alabamapublichealth.gov/wic/ewic-vendors.html> or the IFPS website at <https://www.ifpsglobal.com/>

**Note: Temporary increase of WIC's Cash Value Benefit (CVB) has been extended until December 31, 2021**



### Downloading the Alabama WIC Approved Product List (APL) Reminder

All vendors should connect their Point of Sale (POS) system for each eWIC device/outlet covered by the WIC vendor agreement to the state's eWIC system at least once each 24-hour period to download reconciliation files and the APL.

### You Are Responsible for Training Your Cashiers.

Please follow the link below for the Alabama WIC Vendor Training Module:

<http://alabamapublichealth.gov/alphn/featured/wic-vendor-training.html>

### Check it Out Alabama has a WIC App!

Access the WIC approved foods brochure and stay connected with social media posts and WIC news.



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### Need Supplies or Have Questions?

We are here to help you! If you have WIC questions or concerns call us at the State WIC Office. You can order supplies, such as shelf labels, Alabama WIC Program Vendor Procedure Handbooks, approved foods brochures, or window clings, by calling 1-888-942-4673.