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WIC Vendor Bulletin 2020-4

## **State of Emergency – Volume 4**

In response to COVID-19 pandemic, the Rhode Island Department of Health (RIDOH), WIC program is taking further action to ensure food availability to WIC participants. These temporary changes are effective immediately and will continue through July 31, 2020.

Following are the changes that will take effect immediately:

Eggs:

- Addition of all sizes of Eggs to WIC approved list (Medium, Large, Extra-large and Jumbo)
- Removal of "LEAST EXPENSIVE BRAND" rule for Eggs

New Check will appear as printed below: EGGS DOZEN – All SIZES Old Check will still appear as printed below: EGGS DOZEN LARGE - LEAST EXPENSIVE BRAND

Juice:

• Flexibility to buy 64 oz juice when 11.5 - 12 oz is on the check.

New Check will appear as printed below: WIC JUICE - SHELF OR FROZEN CONC (11.5-12 OZ CONTAINER(S)) OR WIC JUICE (64 OZ CONTAINER) Old Check will still appear as printed below: WIC JUICE - SHELF OR FROZEN CONC (11.5-12 OZ CONTAINER(S))

During transition period, please honor both old and new check description for Eggs and Juices with the new rule. Please note that these changes are only authorized when prescribed items are unavailable. Please honor these changes even if new changes are not listed on the checks.

Please notify State WIC office in case the vendor is:

- Unable to keep regular store hours
- Unable to maintain inventory of certain food items
- Unable to keep the store open for business
- In need to change approved prices for WIC food items

If you have any questions or concerns, please call the RI WIC Vendor Unit at 222-5939, 222-4637, or 222-4633 or email at <u>DOH.wicvendorsupport@health.ri.gov</u>.

Si necesita ayuda en comprender esta carta, por favor, llame al 222-4637 donde le ayudarán con la traducción.