

### III. Colorado WIC Program Minimum Stocking Requirements

Retailers are required to stock certain authorized items at all times in sufficient quantities to meet Participant demand. Specific Colorado WIC-authorized brands and sizes for the following items are as defined in the current *Allowable Foods List* and as shown on the WIC check.

| <b>Minimum Stocking Requirements</b><br>All items must be WIC-authorized; Waivers on specific items must be pre-approved.  |   |
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| <p><b><u>Iron-Fortified Infant Formula</u></b><br/>                     Milk-based contract brand:<br/>                     Size: 12- to 16-ounce powder<br/>                     Soy-based contract brand:<br/>                     Size: 12- to 16-ounce powder</p>              | <p><b><u>Infant Cereal</u></b><br/>                     Approved Brand<br/>                     Two flavors<br/>                     (Rice, Oatmeal, Oat &amp; Quinoa, Whole Wheat,<br/>                     Mixed Grains, Multigrain)<br/>                     Size: 8-ounce box</p> |
| <p><b><u>Baby Food- Fruits and Vegetables</u></b><br/>                     Approved brand<br/>                     Two varieties<br/>                     Size: 4-ounce jar</p>  | <p><b><u>Baby Food- Meats</u></b><br/>                     Approved brand<br/>                     Two varieties<br/>                     Size: 2.5-ounce jar</p>   |
| <p><b><u>Cheese</u></b><br/>                     Store Brand<br/>                     Two varieties<br/>                     Size: One-pound (16-ounce) package</p>  | <p><b><u>Eggs</u></b><br/>                     Grade A or AA white; Small, Medium, or Large<br/>                     Size: Dozens</p>   |
| <p><b><u>100% Fruit Juice</u></b><br/>                     One variety<br/>                     Size: 12-oz frozen<br/>                     (Store Brand: Orange Juice)<br/>                     One variety<br/>                     Size: 64-oz container (carton or bottle)</p> | <p><b><u>Milk</u></b><br/>                     Two varieties of fat content<br/>                     Fat free, 1%, or whole<br/>                     (Must include: whole)<br/>                     Size: Gallon</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Cereal</u></b><br/>                     Two cold cereals<br/>                     (Must include: one whole grain cereal)<br/>                     Size: Any size (larger than single-serving)</p>   | <p><b><u>Peanut Butter</u></b><br/>                     Any brand<br/>                     One variety<br/>                     Size: 18-ounce jar</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Beans</u></b><br/>                     Two varieties<br/>                     Dry or Canned<br/>                     (Must include: one dry)<br/>                     Size: 16-ounce</p>  | <p><b><u>Canned Fish</u></b><br/>                     Two varieties<br/>                     (Tuna, Pink Salmon or Sardines)<br/>                     (Must include: tuna in 5 ounce size)</p>  |
| <p><b><u>Fruits &amp; Vegetables</u></b><br/>                     Fruit - Two varieties<br/>                     Vegetables - Two varieties<br/>                     Fresh<br/>                     Size: Any size</p>   | <p><b><u>Whole Grains</u></b><br/>                     Two varieties<br/>                     Bread, brown rice or corn tortillas<br/>                     (Must include: bread item in 16 ounce size)</p>  |

### III. Stocking Requirements (Continued)

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#### Numbers of Items/ Minimum Quantity

- ◆ Vendors with five or fewer cash registers must stock a minimum of five items within each food category listed on the Stocking Requirements. For example, small vendors must stock at least five pounds of cheese, five boxes of cereal, etc.
- ◆ Vendors with six or more cash registers must stock a minimum of ten items within each food category. For example, larger stores must stock 10 pounds of cheese, 10 boxes of cereal, etc. (Variety requirements still apply.)
- ◆ Please note: WIC allowed formula or food items that are found to be out of date (i.e., past the “use by” date) will not be counted as inventory in surveys of minimum stocking.

#### Failure to Maintain Required Items

FAILURE TO MEET STOCKING REQUIREMENTS COULD LEAD TO SANCTIONS AND/OR AGREEMENT TERMINATION. Authorized retailers are periodically sent reports showing the quantity of WIC-approved items purchased in previous months. Retailers are encouraged to use these reports to ensure compliance with minimum stocking requirements.

#### Exemptions

Farmers and Pharmacies are exempt from minimum food stocking requirements listed in this section. The program may provide an exemption to specific retailers (e.g., commissaries and retailers that primarily provide kosher items) from the requirement of the provision of store brand items and/or certain package sizes of dairy items.

#### Stocking Waiver

Retailers may request a waiver (**Exhibit K**) from stocking infant items (i.e., infant formula, infant cereal and baby food) required by the minimum WIC foods stocking requirements. The Program shall grant a waiver when:

- There has been no documented WIC sale of the specific item within the last 3 months;
- Local agency WIC staff certify that there are no WIC Participants currently using the specific item; and
- The Retailer guarantees that upon request by a Participant, state, or local WIC staff, the item will be made available within 24-72 hours at which time the waiver will be void.

#### Rain Checks Prohibited

PLEASE NOTE: The issuance of rain checks for WIC foods is prohibited. Vendors that charge for WIC supplemental food not received by the participant are subject to a three (3) year disqualification from the WIC Program.

