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To: Oregon WIC-authorized Farmers
From: Maria Menor, Oregon WIC Vendor Team Coordinator
Subject: Phase-out of Oregon WIC Fruit & Veggie (blue) Vouchers

The Oregon WIC Program's switch from paper vouchers to an electronic benefit solution is underway! Our statewide "eWIC" roll-out to WIC-authorized grocery stores and pharmacies began in January. These locations will be accepting eWIC cards statewide by mid-April, 2016.

As eWIC phases in and paper vouchers phase out, the blue Fruit & Veggie Vouchers (FVV) will also dwindle in circulation through June, 2016. You may continue to transact FVVs as long as they are out there. However, since they will not be available after this season, WIC will terminate your contract to accept the blue FVVs, effective December 31, 2016.

Once Oregon WIC is done with eWIC roll-out to grocery stores and pharmacies, we will explore the feasibility for farmers to accept eWIC transactions wirelessly. While a couple of states have piloted this technology, nothing sustainable has yet been developed.

This change will not affect your participation in the Farm Direct Nutrition Program (FDNP) for seniors and WIC families. These are the green \$4 checks that are good between June 1 and October 31 every year. FDNP checks will remain a paper benefit for the foreseeable future. Look for the annual March mailing from the Oregon Department of Agriculture!

Please let me know your questions. You may reach me at 971-673-0056 or maria.i.menor@state.or.us. I look forward to working with you in 2016!

OREGON WIC PROGRAM		Payable through Southern National Bank Marietta, GA	64 - 1968 611	Acct. # 2508299	60000006
9999 00123456 01 HANNAH SWIFT			First Day To Use: 06/01/2015		Last Day To Use: 06/30/2015
FOR PURCHASE OF AUTHORIZED WIC FOODS ONLY \$8 (Eight dollars) fruits and vegetables (fresh and frozen) Shopper may pay amount over value of voucher No change given			FI Type 0123	Corrected Amount \$	
			Pay to the order of Oregon WIC Authorized Vendor Number:	PAY EXACTLY \$	
			Vendor Must Deposit Within 60 Days of First Day To Use	Vendor Fill In \$ Amount Above	
 OREGON HEALTH AUTHORITY (971) 673-0040 P.O. BOX 14450, PORTLAND, OR 97293-0450			IMPROPER USE OF THIS VOUCHER IS SUBJECT TO FEDERAL AND STATE PROSECUTION	57-906-ENGL (03/2011)	WIC SHOPPER SIGN HERE WIC I.D. CARD REQUIRED
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Oregon WIC Fruit & Veggie vouchers will phase out by June 30, 2016, as WIC rolls out eWIC statewide.