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SUBJECT: **WIC Policy Update 2021-01**

MAJOR REVISIONS: *Policies with content changes that impact local agency functions. Please review all policies with major revisions.*

Policy 510 – WIC Cardholder Requirements

- Policy updated to allow mailing replacement eWIC cards and second cardholder cards in certain circumstances.
- **Training required:** All staff must understand the changes to the policy.

Policy 650 – WIC Transfers/VOC and WIC Overseas Program

- Clarified the food package issuance for individuals transferring into the state:
- Based on information received from the agency the participant is transferring from, the local agency shall provide a food package that ensures the participant receives the maximum monthly allowance for the current month taking into consideration redeemed benefits.
- **Action needed:** review policy

Policy 769 – Assigning WIC Food Packages

- Switched to gender nonconforming language.
- Participant preference is not an allowed justification for issuing milk with a milk fat different from what is allowed for their participant category. (8.2, 8.3)
- Whole milk yogurt will automatically be provided in the Standard Food Package for Children 12-23 months. If a participant does not want the yogurt, it can be replaced with 1 quart of milk. (Appendix A)
- **Action needed:** review policy

Policy 770 – Authorized Foods

- Tofu, that is allowed is 'water packed' and must be in a 16 oz. container. (6.1)
- Eggs that are cage-free are allowed. Specialty brands not allowed include free-range or pasture-raised. (9.2)
- Canned fruits and vegetables that meet the criteria are allowed. (13.4)
- Powdered baby food fruits and vegetables are not allowed. (16.2)
- Appendix A areas with changes:
 - Cereals added and removed.
 - Juices added and removed.
 - Tofu must be water packed and no containers smaller than 16 oz.
 - Eggs allowed include cage-free.
 - Yogurts added and removed.
 - Goat milk whole powder in 12 oz. pouch added.
 - Soy beverages identified as shelf stable and refrigerated.
 - Canned fruit and vegetables added.

- Whole wheat tortillas added and removed.
- Baby food fruits and vegetables added and removed.
- Baby food meat removed.
- Infant cereals added and removed.
- **Action needed:** review policy

Policy 1100 – FDNP: Local Program Responsibilities

- Added that FDNP checks may be issued via in-person contact, including curbside pickup, and via mail.
- Clarified that mailed nutrition education materials cannot be used towards a participant's quarterly nutrition education contact.
- Added circumstances under which FDNP checks may be replaced and the procedure for doing so.
- Updated the instructions for completing the FDNP check register.
- **Action needed:** review policy

MINOR REVISIONS: *Minor edits, grammatical updates, clarifications, and/or formatting changes have occurred in these policies*

Policy 458 – Appeals Process (Fair Hearing) for Participants

- Minor formatting and grammatical updates.
- Updated embedded links to referenced materials or citations.
- Clarified definitions for types of appeals.
- Removed sections that were irrelevant and clarified procedures in existing sections on appeal procedures and responsibilities.
- Added Appendix A to clarify procedures and timelines for appeals.
- Added Appendix B to clarify the circumstances and requirements for benefit continuation and duration during an appeal.
- **Action needed:** No action required

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