

June 16, 2015

To: Oregon WIC Vendors and interested parties
From: WIC Vendor Management Services Team
RE: Moratorium on new store authorizations

Share with all store owners and contracts staff.

The Oregon WIC Program will begin our eWIC pilot on September 14, 2015. Pilot will last through December 2015. We expect statewide roll-out to happen January through March 2016. Vouchers will remain in circulation potentially through June 2016.

Mandatory eWIC training for all current WIC-authorized vendors will occur mid-September through mid-November 2015.

During the transition from vouchers to eWIC, the State WIC office will not accept applications from prospective new vendors.

What this means for WIC vendor applicants:

- Oregon WIC will stop accepting new store applications on 8/15/15.
- New stores will continue to be authorized through 9/15/15.
- The moratorium includes brand new stores, new corporate chain locations, and WIC-authorized stores that close and re-open or change owners.
- Oregon WIC will resume accepting new store applications on 3/15/16.
- New store authorizations will begin on 4/15/16. The order of authorization will be prioritized based on how many vouchers remain in circulation in the store's shopping area.

If you have any questions, please contact the WIC Vendor Team at (877) 807-0889 or wic.vendorservices@state.or.us.