

## Readoption Review

### **Women, Infants, and Children Program Rules, Penalties, and Sanctions for WIC Vendors 410 IAC 3.6**

IC 4-22-2.5-3.1(c) requires an agency to conduct a review to consider whether there are alternative methods of achieving the purpose of the rule that are less costly or less intrusive, or that would minimize the economic impact of the proposed rule on small business.

#### **Description of Rule:**

This rule outlines the program requirements for WIC authorization if you are an Indiana grocery store or pharmacy.

#### **Readoption Analysis:**

- 1) **Is there a continued need for this rule?**  
Yes, the rule is essential for applying uniform standards to the approximately 800 authorized WIC vendors across the state. It also outlines the requirements for potential new vendors. The rule insures WIC participants have proper access to the foods they need.
- 2) **What is the nature of any complaints or comments received from the public, including small business, concerning the rule or the implementation of the rule by the agency?**  
The WIC Division has not received any complaints about the rule.
- 3) **Examine the complexity of the rule, including difficulties encountered by the agency in administering the rule and small businesses in complying with the rule.**  
The rule is fairly straightforward. Many of the requirements are based on federal code governing USDA programs. The rules imposed on vendors are intended to benefit WIC participants.
- 4) **To what extent does the rule overlap, duplicate, or conflict with other federal, state, or local laws, rules, regulations, or ordinances?**  
The rule does not overlap or duplicate any other state code or rules. It does align with some federal code governing the WIC program.
- 5) **When was the last time the rule was reviewed under this section or otherwise evaluated by the agency, and the degree to which technology, economic conditions, or other factors have changed in the area affected by this rule since that time?**  
It is reviewed every year. An amendment was adopted last year. The rule will remain fairly consistent until the time Indiana WIC switches from a paper based check system to an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) system. That is the major technology shift which will be implemented in Indiana in approximately 2016.