

Indiana WIC Vendor Notice 16-5

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To: Indiana WIC Vendors

From: Lyndsay McConnaughey, State Vendor Manager

Re: WIC Checks Are Valid Through 2016

As stated in Vendor Notice 16-2, Indiana WIC started piloting the use of eWIC cards for WIC transactions in Johnson County in February 2016. Indiana eWIC cards are now also being used in the March pilot and June rollout areas and will soon be rolled out according to the Indiana eWIC Implementation Schedule available at wic.in.gov.

Although eWIC cards are now being issued, Indiana WIC would like to remind vendors that WIC checks are still acceptable throughout the eWIC rollout. Participants are given eWIC cards during regularly scheduled appointments at WIC clinics beginning after the eWIC rollout start date in their area. As a result, participants may still have valid WIC checks in their possession for a few months after the eWIC rollout start date.

For example, let's imagine that Jane Doe lives in Indianapolis. Marion County's eWIC start date is September 5, 2016. If Jane has an appointment on September 2, 2016 her next appointment will not be until December 2016. Since Jane visited the clinic before the eWIC start date, she will be given checks that expire in December 2016. Jane also has the freedom to travel around the state and use her checks with any authorized Indiana WIC vendor. **Therefore, Indiana WIC vendors should be prepared to accept WIC checks until the end of 2016.** Vendors can accept WIC check transactions and eWIC transactions from different customers on the same day. Failure to accept a valid WIC check means you are in violation of your Vendor Agreement.

Thank you for your continued support of Indiana WIC. If you have any questions about Indiana eWIC implementation, you can contact Indiana WIC at 800-522-0874 and ask for the Vendor Consultant in your area.