

VIOLATIONS & SANCTIONS

The State WIC office may waive a sanction if it would impose a serious health risk to the participant.

MAJOR VIOLATIONS

The following major violations result in a one step sanction.

- Physically harming clinic or vendor staff
- Providing false information (intentionally misrepresenting, concealing, or withholding facts) to obtain WIC benefits
- Returning WIC foods to a store for cash, credit or rain check
- Selling, or exchanging WIC foods to obtain cash (this includes social media websites)
- Selling, exchanging, or buying eWIC cards (this includes social media websites)
- More than three (3) minor violations

Offense	Sanction	Duration
Any	Suspension of the Household	1 Year

The following Major Violations result in a two-step sanction.

- Dual participation;
- State assessed claim of \$100.00 or more or a second or subsequent claim of any amount.

Step	Sanction	Duration
1 st	Repay benefits or establish repayment schedule by 30 days from receipt of payment letter.	N/A
2 nd	Failure to Pay: Suspension of the household	1 year

MINOR VIOLATIONS

The following minor violations result in education and warning on the first offense; a 3 month suspension on the second offense; and a 1 year suspension on the third offense. A subsequent offense cannot be applied until a Sanction Due to Program Violation form is issued to address the previous offense. (See the Client Fraud, Abuse and Sanctions Policy)

- Attempting to return WIC foods to a store for cash, credit or rain check
- Attempting to exchange WIC foods that are not defective
- Attempting to exchange or buy eWIC cards
- Being suspected of attempting to sell WIC foods or formula (this includes social media websites)
- Verbally threatening harm to clinic or vendor staff

Offense	Sanction	Duration
1 st	Education & Written Warning	N/A
2 nd	Suspension for Household	3 Months
3 rd	Suspension for Household	1 Year