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VENDOR ALERT 2021 – 06

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF CANNED BEANS, EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2021

Purpose The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is notifying all WIC authorized vendors that canned beans will be authorized for participants over 12 months of age as a new option in the legumes category.

Background To enhance the food package, CDPH/WIC is expanding the legumes benefit to add canned beans to all packages that currently receive dry beans and/or peanut butter.

Action for Vendors CDPH/WIC is reminding all vendors to continue to download the Authorized Product List (APL) daily to ensure participants have access to all current authorized foods. In the past, canned beans were only approved for a very limited group of participants. With the expansion to include more participants who can purchase canned beans, you may experience an increase in the sale of canned beans for WIC transactions.

Please note: There is no change to processing a WIC Card transaction. Cashiers should continue to rely on the WIC EBT system to approve or decline WIC Card purchases.

Questions For additional questions you may also contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll-free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867, or contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.

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