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VENDOR ALERT 2021 – 04

TO: ALL WIC VENDORS

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZATION OF CAGE-FREE EGGS, EFFECTIVE SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Purpose The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is notifying all WIC authorized vendors that cage-free eggs will be authorized as part of the WIC Authorized Food List on September 1, 2021, per [Regulatory Bulletin 2021-01](#).

Background CDPH/WIC made this change to comply with Health and Safety Code amendments brought about by Proposition 12, as passed by California voters in 2018. Proposition 12 requires all eggs sold in California come from cage-free hens by January 1, 2022.

Action for Vendors CDPH/WIC asks all vendors to notify employees of these changes to the Authorized Products List (APL). Egg types that meet requirements in the Shopping Guide, APL, or WIC App will be authorized as follows:

- September 1, 2021: December 31, 2021: Both regular (non-cage free) and cage-free eggs.
- January 1, 2022: Cage-free eggs only.

On January 1, 2022, UPCs for non-cage free eggs will be removed from the APL and will no longer be available for purchase.

Vendors must continue to ensure that the most current APL is downloaded every day, as required.

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 If you have questions about the expansion to the WIC Authorized Food List or Authorized Product List, please send an email to WICfoods@cdph.ca.gov.



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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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