

# \*\*\*IDAHO WIC VENDOR BULLETIN\*\*\*

October 2020



## We're celebrating one year with eWIC!

### And what a year it has been...

Whether you piloted eWIC last summer or rolled-out last fall, thank you for helping us make eWIC a big success in Idaho.



In the past year

- About 46,000 WIC participants switched from checks to cards
- Cashiers completed nearly 50,000 eWIC transactions every month
- WIC paid roughly \$1.5 million per month to Idaho grocery stores

Together, we put a whole lot of healthy WIC approved food on Idaho family tables!

## Annual training is due

If your store has not completed annual WIC training, please do so right away. The 2020 [training newsletter](#) and [training form](#) are available online at [wic.dhw.idaho.gov](http://wic.dhw.idaho.gov). Submit completed training forms by October 2, 2020.

## Canned beans

Starting October 1st, all WIC participants can get canned beans. As a result, stores may notice higher canned bean sales.

If the WIC benefit balance shows "1 container peanut butter/beans", the customer can choose any of these options:

1 jar  
Peanut Butter  
(16-18oz)

OR

1 bag  
PINTO BEANS  
(16oz)

OR

4 cans  
each can = .25 containers

## eWIC is not just another payment type

- Cashiers still need to know what foods are okay for WIC - keep a food list at each register for reference.
- Know your WIC receipts. The mid-purchase receipt shows each item WIC is about to pay for. It **must** be offered to the customer to review **before** they press YES to pay or NO to make changes. Secret shoppers are checking for this.
- Make sure you know how to check a WIC card balance. In most register systems this is in the item inquiry or miscellaneous screen. Customers do not need to purchase an item in order to check their WIC balance.

## THANK YOU!

WIC wouldn't work without you. Thank you for all that you do, everyday, to help WIC families in your community. We appreciate you.

If you have questions or need assistance contact us at [WICVendor@dhw.idaho.gov](mailto:WICVendor@dhw.idaho.gov)

