

**MEMORANDUM**

**ACTION MEMO #15-03**

**TO:** District Nutrition Services Directors

**FROM:** Debra L. Keyes, MA, RD   
Director  
Georgia WIC Program

**DATE:** March 19, 2015

**RE:** Approved Foods List and Database Changes

This memo discusses food package changes with the effective date of April 1, 2015. The main update outlined below is the result of a new guideline set by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) that requires WIC to allow the purchase of any potato, including white potatoes.

**1. The following changes to the Approved Foods List will be effective on April 1, 2015:**

- a. White potatoes are allowed to be purchased with produce vouchers printed on or after April 1, 2015. This new rule established by USDA will:
- Allow the purchase of any potato including red, yellow, white, fingerling, sweet potato, yam, etc
  - Include fresh, frozen, and canned potatoes
  - Restrict potatoes with added sugar, fats, oils, or seasonings

The cash-value fruit and vegetable voucher wording will remove the white potato restriction.

Current Wording:

\$8 for fresh, frozen, or canned fruit and vegetables. No potatoes – except for sweet potatoes or yams. No products with added sugar, seasonings, fat, or oils. No creamed or candied vegetables.

New Wording:

\$8 for fresh, frozen, or canned fruit and vegetables. No products with added sugar, seasonings, fat, or oils. No creamed or candied vegetables.

- b. Name for Sara Lee 100% Whole Wheat Bread has been changed to no longer specify "Classic"
- c. Addition of IGA and Hytop 64 ounce juices in apple, grape and white grape
- d. Addition of Hytop 64 ounce juice in tomato
- e. Discontinued Cereals: Scooby Doo, Special K Multigrain, Dulce de Leche Cheerios
- f. Clarification that Cream of Wheat Instant is approved in Original flavor only



**New posters and brochures will be sent to all WIC clinics.** The colors on the cover, as well as the peach, will remain the same. The only difference in the appearance will be the Effective Date written at the bottom of the cover.

**2. Changes to the State Ordered Formula Food Package 199**

Beginning April 1, 2015, the State Ordered Formula package (food package 199), will change. Two vouchers will print instead of one. It will no longer be necessary to choose between sending the 199 voucher home with the participant or keeping it in the clinic for the participant. One voucher (VC 200) will be for the participant to take home with them and the other voucher (VC 199) will be for the clinic to keep on file. VC 199 is still the voucher number to be recorded on the special formula orders.

Voucher Code 199 - This voucher is to be kept at the clinic and signed by the participant when they pick up their formula. The wording on this voucher has been updated.

**CLINIC COPY**  
Formula ordered from the Nutrition Unit.  
This voucher has no cash value.  
Grocers should not accept this voucher.  
WIC STAFF:  
Have participant sign this when picking up formula.  
Document in Special Formula Order Tracking Form.

Voucher Code 200 - This voucher is to be given to the participant as a tracking voucher. They do not need to sign this voucher and it should be treated like other tracking vouchers (i.e. the exclusively breastfed voucher, E00).

**PARTICIPANT COPY**  
This voucher has no cash value.  
Grocers should not accept this voucher.  
A formula order has been placed for you.  
Please pick up your formula when contacted or as scheduled by your clinic.  
Please call your WIC clinic with questions.

**3. All vouchers for “Ensure Nutrition Shake” will now say “Ensure Original Nutrition Shake”.**

**Action Steps:**

1. Notify WIC participants of the removal of the white potato restriction when they come into the clinic for new vouchers starting April 1, 2015.
2. Provide WIC participants with a new Approved Foods List when they come in to the clinic for new vouchers starting April 1, 2015.
3. Take down and destroy all Approved Foods List brochures and posters dated “**Effective January 2015**”, by July 1, 2015.

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4. Begin using the two voucher process for 199 food packages.
5. Update voucher wording for Ensure Nutrition Shake in your 999 food package files.
6. Send confirmation to the State WIC Office on or before July 1, 2015:
  - a. Date all district WIC staff were trained on the removal of the white potato restriction.
  - b. Date all WIC clinics in your district started providing the revised "April, WIC Approved Foods Lists" to clients.
  - c. Date all WIC Clinics in your district removed old "January, Approved Foods List and Posters".

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