## Georgia WIC Program Interview Script

The Georgia WIC Program is a nutrition program for Women, Infants and Children who have nutritional needs and are income eligible. Eligible program enrollees receive:

- Nutrition assessment
- Nutrition education
- Healthy foods (milk, eggs, cheese, juice, cereal, peanut butter, dried beans or peas, carrots, tuna and infant formula)
- Support for breastfeeding moms
- · Referral to other health and social services

You may qualify for WIC if you:

- are pregnant, just had a baby, is breastfeeding a baby, or have small children under age 5;
- have a moderately low family income, even if you work; and
- have a documented nutrition-related medical need:
- and live in the State of Georgia.

The fol	lowing information is b		tistical purpose ot of WIC servic	es and the answers will have es	no effec
*A Migı basis, v		ndividual whose p d within the last tw	rincipal employ	yment is in agriculture on a someonths and who establish for	
(Yes =	u Hispanic/Latino? A person of Cuban, Mex regardless of race.)	ican, Puerto Rican,		No I America or other Spanish cult	ure or
What is	s your RACE ?	You may cho	ose more than	one race or all that apply.	
1	_ <b>White</b> – A person havi Africa.	ng origins in any of	the original peop	ble of Europe, the Middle East o	of North
2	_ Black or African Ame	erican – A person ha	aving origins in a	any of the Black racial groups of	f Africa.
3	_ <b>Asian</b> – A person havi Malaysia, Pakistan, the	• •	•	ole of the Far East, Southeast A ietnam.	vsia,
4				s in any of the original people o maintain tribal affiliation or comr	
5	_ <b>Native Hawaiian or O</b> of Hawaii, Guam, Sam			aving origins in any of the origin	al people

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## GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM Thirty (30) Day Certification/Termination Form

This Thirty (30) Day Certification Form allows you to be on the Georgia WIC Program for thirty (30) days only. The certification period will be extended if the required documentation is brought back to the clinic within 30 days and eligibility is confirmed.

	<u> </u>					
NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:					
ADDRESS:						
CITY/ZIPCODE:	PHONE NUMBER:					
(d	you fail to bring in the following information by					
Family Income orMedicaid, TANF or Supplen	of of: nental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) Documentation ck one)					
Identification - Client Identification -	- Parent/GuardianResidency					
WIC Representative	Date					
FAILURE TO BRING THIS DOCUMENTATION TO THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT ON OR BEFORE THE ABOVE DATE WILL RESULT IN TERMINATION FROM THE GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM						
You are being terminated from the Georgia WIC F	Program because you have been found to be over income.					
WIC Representative	Date					
FAIR HEARI	ING SECTION:					
You have the right to a fair hearing if you do not agree with the reason for your termination. A request for a fair hearing must be made within 60 days of the date of this notice. Fair hearing requests should be addressed to:						
Georgia WIC Program						
Ad	dress					
City/Zip Code	Phone Number					
Participant Signature/Parent/Caregiver/Guardian	WIC Representative Signature/Title					

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# THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR WIC SERVICES



#### **GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM**

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### Georgia Department of Public Health Georgia WIC Program Rights and Obligations

How to File a Complaint

If you feel you have been treated unfairly, please let us know by using the information listed below. Georgia WIC will assist you as well as notify the proper authorities if necessary.

#### **ANY COMPLAINT**

You may call Georgia WIC about any complaints at the toll free phone number below:

1-800-228-9173

### and/or write about your complaint to the address below:

Georgia WIC Program Office of Integrity & Strategy 2 Peachtree Street, Suite 10-293 Atlanta, GA 30303

#### **DISCRIMINATION AND/OR CIVIL RIGHTS**

If you feel that you have been discriminated against or that your civil rights have been violated, you may contact Georgia WIC by calling the toll free number 1-800-228-9173, and/or write about your complaint to the address below:

## Georgia WIC Program, Office of Program Integrity & Strategy

2 Peachtree Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor Atlanta, GA 30303

And/or you may contact the Federal Office of Adjudication directly by calling the phone numbers below:

1-866-632-9992 and/or you may write the Office of Adjudication at the address below:

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#### Your Responsibilities:

- To keep your appointments and be on time. If you cannot keep your appointment, call your local WIC office to reschedule as soon as possible.
- To bring all documentation requested to each appointment.
- To treat WIC and store staff with courtesy and respect.
- To participate in only one WIC clinic at a time. If I move, I can ask for a transfer card.
- Choose WIC or CSFP (Commodity Supplemental Food Program) to participate in. A person cannot be on both programs at the same time.
- Follow the rules when using WIC benefits. WIC staff will tell me how to use the WIC Vouchers when I am put on the program.
- To buy only the foods listed on my WIC Vouchers. I will use the foods only for the person on the program.
- I understand that if my WIC vouchers are lost or stolen, they may not be replaced.
- To report any changes in my income, family size, or eligibility for Medicaid, Food Stamps, or TANF.

#### You may be taken off the WIC Program if:

- You do not tell the truth about all the information you give to WIC.
- You get benefits from more than one clinic at a time.
- You/child participate in CSFP and WIC at the same time.
- You do not follow the rules when using your WIC Vouchers.
- You use abusive language or are physically violent with clinic staff, store personnel, or other WIC clients.
- If you attempt to sell WIC foods, breast pumps, benefits and/or WIC vouchers by making a verbal offer of sale to another person or posting the items for sale in print or online, or allow someone else to do it for you.
- You miss appointments for two consecutive months.
- You use your vouchers to buy food that is not on the authorized WIC food list.
- You exchange your WIC food items after purchase for any item(s) not listed on the voucher.
- You threaten clinic staff, state staff, store manager or cashiers and or/security in the clinic. Your threat will lead to possible termination or you losing the privileged of

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- coming to the clinic. If you lose that privilege, a proxy will act on your behalf for your child.
- You solicit other participants to violate program rules, including the selling of their vouchers.
- You commit any crime in the WIC clinic or on the grounds of the clinic.
- Your designated proxy engages in any of the listed items above

## Brenda Fitzgerald, MD, Commissioner

#### Dear WIC Alternate:

The Georgia WIC Program appreciates your help, respects your time and effort in assisting the Georgia WIC Program participants. As an alternate, it is vital that you follow the rules below:

- 1. An alternate is a person who acts on behalf of the participant. Authorized alternates may pick-up and/or redeem vouchers and may bring a child in for subsequent certifications.
- 2. An alternate is a person who is named by the WIC participant and given the participants WIC ID card when redeeming WIC Approved food item at the grocery store.
- 3. An alternate is a responsible person who the participant/parent/guardian/spouse/ caregiver depends on
- 4. When an alternate picks up vouchers or brings a child in for subsequent certification, the alternate must attend any required nutrition education classes and be able to provide health information for the participant(s).
- 5. An alternate must be at least sixteen (16) years old unless prior approval is obtained from the WIC staff.
- 6. An alternate must not pick up vouchers for more than two (2) families in the state of Georgia.
- 7. When redeeming vouchers at the grocery store, the alternate must have the WIC ID card and additional ID for themselves.

Documentation of an alternate is recorded on the Georgia WIC Program ID card. The name of the alternate is placed in the WIC participants file. The local agency will notify the WIC participant if the alternate is not listed within the WIC participants file.

Please contact the WIC participant if you can no longer serve as an alternate. The WIC participant must notify the WIC clinic of this change. If you have any questions pertaining to your new role, please ask the participant you are representing as an alternate.

Thank you in advance for what you will do to help the Georgia WIC Program.

Sincerely,

Georgia WIC Program Staff

The alternate must provide the following documentation and have knowledge of the below information when present for recertification appointments:

- 1. The Participant's WIC ID card
- Parent/Guardian or Participant's current Medicaid, SNAP (formally Food Stamps) Letter or TANF Letter
- **3.** If there is no proof of Medicaid, TANF, or SNAP, please provide proof of income (Pay Stubs, Alimony, Social Security, Child Support, Current Year Income Tax, e.g.)
- 4. Proof of Residency
- 5. Alternate Identification (Current) Knowledge of child(ren) health and diet
- 6. Knowledge of alternate's responsibilities

Note: Alternates must also have additional ID when using vouchers at the grocery store.

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#### **GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM**

## PROOF OF RESIDENCY FORM FOR APPLICANTS WITH P.O. BOX ADDRESS

The WIC applicant must complete this form when giving a post office box address:

Direction	ons to House	
Participant Signature		Date
Participant Signature		Date
Participant Signature		Date

This form must be filed in the applicant/participant's health record.

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### GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM IDENTIFICATION, RESIDENCY & INCOME PROOF LIST

Help WIC help you!

"Proof of ID, residency and income is needed for each applicant/participant/guardian/caregiver and infant/child". Please call your local WIC

department for any questions you may have.

Whenever your child, infant or you need be certified for WIC, you must present proof of each of the following categories:

#### **Proof of Identifications**

(One form of proof required)

Infant:
Birth Certificate

Confirmation of birth letter Hospital ID bracelet (mom

& baby)

Immunization Record

Military ID

Health Records Social Security Card

Discharge of hospital

papers

EVOC/VOC Card (with

Additional ID)

Passport Card/Passport

Child:

Birth Certificate Immunization Record

Health Records
Social Security Card

Military ID

EVOC/VOC Card (with

Additional ID)

Passport Card/Passport

Birth Certificate Driver's License

Immunization Record

Military ID

Women:

Health Records

Hospital ID bracelet (mom &

baby)

Social Security Card State ID/School ID EVOC/VOC Card (with

Additional ID)

WIC ID (Voucher Pick Up

Only) Work ID

Passport Card/Passport

**Proof of Residency (Address)** 

(One form of proof required)

Cable TV Bill Electric Bill

Medicaid (address must be visible during swipe or

internet access)

Gas Bill Water Bill Health Record Telephone Bill

Rent/Mortgage Receipt

#### (P.O. Box address is not acceptable)

#### **Proof of Income**

(Bring proof of Income for each household member)

Alimony Pay Stub Annuities Pensions

Basic Allowance from Private Pensions

Child Support Payments
Public Assistance/Welfare

Payments (TANF)

Contribution from people Current Tax Return

Rental Income (Net) Dividends or Interest on

Bonds

Self Employment (Net

Income)
Estate Income

Social Security
Financial Records
Supplemental Social

Security
Food Stamps
Documentation

Trust

Government Retirement

Unemployment Compensation

Letter from your Employer Unemployment Notice

Medicaid

Military Retirement Veteran's Payment Monetary Compensation

**Net Royalties** 

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# Georgia WIC Program Participant Repayment Schedule SAMPLE LETTER

Date \_\_\_\_\_

CERTIFIED MAIL RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED	
Participant Name Participant Street Address City, State Zip Code	
RE: NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF A PARTICIPANT CLAIM	
Dear Participant: Per Federal Regulation 7 CFR 246.23(c)(1)(i), a claim must be been determined that a participant has received benefits as a re-	
On <u>(date)</u> , you received a Notice of Assessment of Claim, programmatic violations committed by you. On <u>(date)</u> , y established. This letter confirms your proposal to repay the to the Georgia WIC Program in monthly installments of \$ will require you to follow until the full amount is recovered:	ou requested that a repayment schedule be tal amount of the assessed claim, \$, to
DATE AMOUNT DATE	<u>AMOUNT</u>
	Total
Please send a cashier's check or money order, made payable t following address:	o the "Georgia WIC Program" and mail it to the
[INSERT ADDRES	SS}
If you fail to make the payments on time, the full amount will be amount of the claim within the time frame provided above, you Program for up to one year. See 7 CFR §246.23(c)(1)(i).	
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call (in or (enter alternate contact person and contact information), between availability).	
Sincerely,	
District Nutrition Services Director District Unit	

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## GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM NOTICE OF TERMINATION / INELIGIBILITY / WAITING LIST



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NAME:	DATE OF BIRTH:
ADDRESS:	
CITY/ZIP CODE:	PHONE NUMBER:
TERMINATION/INELIGIBILITY SECTION:	
☐ You are not eligible for the Georgia WIC Program because you:	
☐ You are being terminated from Georgia WIC because you:	
have an income that is too high for the Georgia WIC Program.	
do not live in the area served by the Georgia WIC Program are not pregnant, postpartum, or breastfeeding woman; child under fire	(6) years
do not have a medical/nutritional health problem.	ve (3) years.
did not return to the clinic for your recertification appointment on	(date).
did not return to the clinic for your recertification appointment on did not pick-up your food vouchers for two (2) months. You will be ter	minated on (date).
Fund are not available to serve postpartum non-breastfeeding wome	n.
Other	<u> </u>
SUSPENSION SECTION:	
☐ You are being suspended from the Georgia WIC Program for three (3) m	nonths because you broke the following
Georgia WIC Program rule(s)	
WAITING LIST SECTION:	
You are being placed on a waiting list. Funds are not available to serve p	riority(ies)
You are in priority  • You may still receive nutritional education and other services prov	ided by the Heelth Department
<ul> <li>If you need information or would like to discuss this decision, plea</li> </ul>	
below:	se contact Georgia Wio at the address
FAIR HEARING SECTION:	
You have a right to a fair hearing if you do not agree with the reason for	your termination/ineligibility or waiting list
placement. A request for a fair hearing must be made within 60 days of	
requests should be addressed to:	
Georgia WIC Program	·
Georgia Wic Program	
ADDRESS	
,	
CITY/ZIP CODE	PHONE NUMBER
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## **Georgia WIC Referral Form**



## Referrals for Breastfeeding Support and WIC Services

Patient's First & Last Name: (MM/DD/YY):		D	ate of Birth
(For Infants/Children) Parent/Caregiver's First &	& Last Name:		
Street Address:  City:  Zip Code:	formation)		To locate your County Health Department, please visit www.WIC.GA.GOV (select "Clinic Listing") OR call 1- 800-228-9173
Length/Ht: in. Wt: lbs oz. Da Date: (Valid within 60 days of measurement)		н	gb/Hct: (Valid within 90 days
Birth weight: lbs oz. Birth l	<b>Length:</b> in.	If premat	ure, weeks gestation at
birth: Breastfeeding?: □ Yes □ No			Direction
birth:			Date:
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Referral data provided by: (signature)	Date:

#### Instructions & Resources for Use of This Form:

This form is intended for use as...

- A medical data referral form for infants, children and women for the Georgia WIC Program
- A breastfeeding support referral form for the Georgia WIC Program
- A proof of identification for hospitalized newborn infants

To prescribe a special formula or medical food for an infant, child, or woman please refer to Georgia WIC Form #1 (*Medical Documentation Form for WIC Special Formulas and WIC Foods*). This form can be found at <a href="https://www.WIC.GA.GOV">www.WIC.GA.GOV</a> (select "Health Care Provider Information").

We appreciate your cooperation and partnership in serving the Georgia WIC population.

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## GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM GENERAL APPOINTMENT LETTER

Date:	
(Insert Responsible Party name)	
(Insert mailing address)	
(Insert city, state & zip)	
Dear	
Your record was selected for review as it pert	ains to your WIC benefits eligibility. Therefore, on
(insert day, date, and time)	, you are hereby requested to report to <u>(insert</u>
clinic or interview location name & address)	in order to resolve any
discrepancies. You must bring your WIC ID ca	ard/folder to the appointment.
Please contact me at(insert phone #)	if you have any questions.
Sincerely,	
Nutrition Services Director District Unit	

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#### **Dual Participation Sample Warning Letter**

Dear Participant:
Our records show that you have participated in two Georgia WIC Programs. You were certified and enrolled on Georgia WIC Program on (date), and yo were also certified and enrolled on Georgia WIC Program on (date)
As indicated on your Georgia WIC Program ID card, participating in more than one Georgia W Program violates programs regulations. Information concerning this will be forwarded to the Office of Inspector General to determine if you will be required to repay money back to the Georgia WIC Program.
Should you have any questions, contact me at
Sincerely,
District Nutrition Services Director

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# Georgia WIC Program Department of Public Health APPELLANT'S GEORGIA WIC RECORD SUMMARY

SECTION I - IDENTIFICATION		
District/Unit	WIC ID #	
Applicant/Participant:		
Appellant (if different from above):		
Address:		
Street N	lumber and Name	
City	State Zip Code	
Phone Number:		
Representative:		
Applicant/Participant's Race/Sex: (Circle ite	em #)	
Ethnicity: (1) Hispanic or Latino (2) Non Hispanic or Latino	<b>Sex:</b> (1) Male (2) Female	
Race: (1) American Indian or Alaskan Native (2) Asian (3) Black or African-American (4) Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Isla (5) White	ander	
County: Date of	of Request:	
Date of Appointment:	Date of Notification:	
FOR STATE OFFICE USE ONLY:		

Time limits Hearing shall be held within three (3) weeks from the date the State or local agency receives the request for hearing 7 C.F.R Section 246.9(j). The fair hearing decision shall issue within 45 (forty-five) days (7 C.F.R. Section 246.9 (k)(3)) of the date the request for hearing was received by the State or local agency.

Date request filed:

Request number:

#### **SECTION II - TYPE OF AGENCY ACTION OR INACTION**

A. Agency Action (Circle item number)

Participation denied/terminated because WIC applicant/participant: 1. Is not income eligible. Date 2. Does not live in local WIC service. Date 3. Has reached expiration of regulatory eligibility. Date 4. Is not pregnant, postpartum, breastfeeding woman or an infant/child under five (5) years old. Date 5. Does not meet nutritional risk criteria. Date 6. Failed certification appointment on: \_\_\_\_\_\_. Date 7. Did not pick up vouchers for two (2) consecutive months. Date 8. Violated WIC rules and was suspended for three (3) months for: \_\_\_\_\_\_ Date 9. Is in Priority \_\_\_ and WIC has funds to serve only Priority(ies) \_\_\_\_\_\_. Date 10. Other \_\_\_\_\_\_. Date B. Agency Inaction (Circle item number): 1. Failure of local agency to meet processing standards: (specify) 2. Other:(specify)

## SECTION III - NARRATIVE SUMMARY OF AGENCY'S ACTION OR INACTION AND PRINCIPAL ISSUES INVOLVED IN THE REQUEST FOR FAIR HEARING

A.	Basis for local agency's action or inaction (specify briefly):			
В.	WIC regulations applied by local agency:			
C.	Participant's income eligibility information:			
	Signature/Title of WIC Personnel	Signatur	e of Nutrition S	Services Director
	Name			
	Address	City	State	Zip Code
	Telephone Number			

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## Georgia WIC Program VERIFICATION OF RESIDENCY AND/OR INCOME

Household Section:			
Ι,	, have th	ne person(s) listed below liv	ving with me.
Print Name			
Name of WIC Applicant(s):	Ad	dress:	
Including the applicant(s) listed above, related or non-related individuals living to	I have ogether.)	of people in my family.	("Family" means
I give the above listed applicant(s) perm pay stub) and residency to the Georgia \			ncome (example:
Signature		 Date	<del></del>
Address:		-	
City:	State:	ZipCode:	
Telephone No.:	<del></del>		
Clinic Section:			
This form	must	be	returned
onto			
WIC Official		Date	
WIC Official		Date Received	

WE RESERVE THE RIGHT TO VERIFY THIS INFORMATION, IF NECESSARY.

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## Georgia WIC Program Abuse Claims Payment Report

Name of Participant:		ID#	DU#	J#	
Name of Vendor			or #	DU#	
Reason for cl	aim:				
Amount of cla	aim:				
Date of notific	cation to participant:_	Date fair	hearing requested:		
Date of final of	lisposition of fair hea	ring/court mandate:			
		Repayment Sched	ule Agreement		
	Due [	Date: A	mount Due:		
Payment to be	submitted by : Clerk of	of Court [ ] Participant	[] Vendor[]		
Date Paid:	Amount Paid:	Balance Due:	Initials		
COLLECTED (		TED IN A GENERAL AC	COUNT FOR FARM	ER'S MARKET MATCH FUND	
[ ] No longer	aget officiative	Data	,	Initiala	
		Date: Date:		Initials Initials	
		Date:		Initials	
Was In-kind S	Service performed:	YES [ ] NO	0 [ ]		
If yes explain:_					

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# GEORGIA WIC PROGRAM Health Department Staff DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

## All Health Department Staff who performs WIC services must complete this form.

County		
Name (Please print)	, Title	
Are you a WIC Participant?Yes _	No	
Do any of the following relatives or household	d members participate	in Georgia's WIC?
Children, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, nie spouses, first cousins, in-laws or any person YesNo		· •
Name of your relative or household member	Relationship*	Date of Cert.
(If more space is needed, list on back)  I certify that the above information is corr	rect.	
Signature/Title		e

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## Georgia WIC Program VMARS Dual Participation Sample Warning Letter

(Date)
Dear Participant:
The Federal Regulations that govern the administration of the Georgia WIC Program consider dual participation a participant violation that will result the assessment of claims and/or a sanction against a participant. See 7 CFR §§ 246.2, 246.7(I)(3), and 246.12(u). However, in instances where the dual participation is the result of an intentional misrepresentation by a participant, that individual will be assessed a claim for improperly issued WIC benefits and may be disqualified from the Georgia WIC Program for a period of one (1) year. See 7 CFR §§ 246.7(I)(4).
Our records indicate that you intentionally made misrepresentations and/or falsified your information in an attempt to participate in two Georgia WIC Programs at the same time. Specifically, our records show that you were certified and enrolled in the Georgia WIC Program at (clinic) on (date), and you were also certified at (clinic) on (date)
As indicated in the Federal Regulations and on your Georgia WIC Program ID card, participating in more than one Georgia WIC Program constitutes a violation of the Georgia WIC Program regulations and policies. Information concerning our findings has been forwarded to the Office of Inspector General at the Department of Public Health for further investigation. Upon conclusion of the investigation, we will notify you of any action we decide to take to address this violation, including assessment of a claim to repay the amount of the WIC benefits you improperly received, termination from all but one of the WIC Programs you are enrolled in, suspension, and/or disqualification from the Georgia WIC Program for up to one year.
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call (insert name and title), at (enter phone number), or (enter alternate contact person and contact information), between the hours of (enter days and time of availability).
Sincerely,
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## Georgia WIC Program Participant Repayment Schedule SAMPLE LETTER

Participant Name Participant Street Address City, State, Zip Code
RE: NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT OF A PARTICIPANT CLAIM FOR VIOLATIONS
Dear Participant:
Georgia's Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants & Children (Georgia WIC) has determined that, as a responsible party, you have committed one or more of the following violations against the Program:
Participated in dual clinics/counties/states Intentionally made a false or misleading statement or intentionally misrepresented, concealed, or withheld facts Sold or exchanged vouchers or WIC food items with other individuals or parties Received cash from food vendors or credit toward other non-WIC items Other:
Federal Regulation 7 CFR 246.23(c)(1)(i), provides that a claim will be assessed when it is determined that a participant violation has resulted in the improper issuance of benefits. Based upon the information above and pursuant to the federal regulations, the Georgia WIC Program is assessing a claim against you in the amount of \$, which reflects the full amount of the WIC benefit that you were improperly issued based upon the violation committed. The claim amount is based on the value of the WIC benefit improperly issued from to to
If you are unable to make restitution for this amount within 30 days of receipt of the letter demanding repayment, then please adhere to the attached repayment agreement. The repayment period cannot exceed 90 days from receipt of the letter. If restitution is not made within 30 days or in accordance with the agreed upon repayment schedule, the participant may be disqualified from the Georgia WIC Program, or. See 7 CFR §246.23(c)(1)(i).
Your repayment must be in the form of a cashier's check or money order, made payable to, and be submitted to:
[INSERT ADDRESS]
If you have any questions concerning this matter, please call (insert name and title), at (enter phone number), or (enter alternate contact person and contact information), between the hours of (enter days and time of availability).
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