

TERMINATION OF THE VENDOR AGREEMENT

Summary Termination

Georgia WIC will immediately terminate this agreement if it determines that the vendor provided false information or made a material omission in connection with its application for authorization or re-authorization.

Termination upon Notice

Georgia WIC may terminate the vendor agreement for cause after providing at least fifteen (15) days advance written notice. Processing of eWIC transactions shall be discontinued fifteen (15) days after the date of the termination notice. Any eWIC transactions submitted for payment after fifteen (15) days of the date of the termination notice will not be paid. All terminations shall remain in effect during the administrative review process. Reasons for termination **may include, but are not limited to, the following:**

1. Voluntary withdrawal from the WIC program (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 3 months).
2. The decision to sell the store (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 3 months).
3. Use of the WIC acronym, WIC logo, or close facsimiles thereof, in total or in part, in a manner that violates the provisions of this vendor handbook (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
4. Accepting WIC benefits of any form through the mail or mailing any approved formula/medical food directly to the WIC customer (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
5. Failure to complete and submit documentation for annual training by the deadline specified by Georgia WIC (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 6 months).
6. Failure to provide Georgia WIC with written notice of a change in the vendor's business within at least twenty-one (21) days in advance of the change (including but is not limited to a change in ownership, name, location, corporate structure, sale or transfer of the business, or cessation of operation (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 6 months).
7. Two (2) failed attempts by Georgia WIC to contact the vendor during business hours at the vendor's reported address and telephone number (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 3 months).
8. Determination that the vendor's SNAP license is invalid or not current (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 6 months).

9. Intentionally providing false information or vendor records, other than information or records provided in connection with a vendor application for authorization or re-authorization (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
10. Failure to provide information on WIC benefit transactions, inventory records, food sales or tax information upon request (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 9 months).
11. Harassing or threatening any WIC representative, including the eWIC Processor or any third-party processor certified by the eWIC Processor (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
12. Using an eWIC Card unlawfully or without authorization or causing an eWIC card to be utilized unlawfully or without authorization (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
13. Identification by Georgia WIC of a conflict of interest as defined by applicable state laws, regulations, and policies, between the vendor and Georgia WIC or its local agencies (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 6 months).
14. Four (4) failed assessments for non-competitive prices within a 12-month period or less (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
15. Providing prohibited incentive items as part of a WIC transaction, in a manner that violates the provisions of this handbook (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
16. Failure to meet the selection criteria in effect at the time of assessment at any time throughout the agreement period (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 6 months).
17. Vendors that are determined to be an A-50 vendor will be terminated from the program, unless it is determined that termination would result in inadequate participant access (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 6 months).
18. Violation of any federal or state law or regulation, or terms of the WIC Vendor Agreement or Vendor Handbook not otherwise covered by the sanction system (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 12 months).
19. Expiration of the agreement without a new application being submitted (vendor ineligible to re-apply for authorization for 3 months).
20. Civil Money Penalty imposed by SNAP in lieu of disqualification for the initially issued SNAP disqualification period.

After being terminated from the Georgia WIC Program, the vendor will not be automatically reinstated as an authorized WIC vendor. The vendor may re-apply, as a new applicant, no sooner than the completion of the specified termination period outlined by Georgia WIC. To re-apply, the vendor must complete the application process in its entirety.

For information on requirements for maintaining vendor authorization due to eWIC, see the section entitled *Implementation of an Electronic Benefits Transfer System or (eWIC)*.