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. Use of the vendor stamp shall be discontinued fifteen (15) days after the date of the termination notice. Any food instruments 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.
2. The decision to sell the store.
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.
4. Accepting food instruments through the mail or mailing any approved formula/medical food directly to the WIC customer.
5. Failure to complete and submit documentation for annual training by the deadline specified by Georgia WIC.
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.)
7. Two (2) failed attempts by Georgia WIC to contact the vendor during business hours at the vendor's reported address and telephone number.
8. Determination that the vendor's SNAP license is invalid or not current.
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.
10. Failure to provide food instruments, inventory records, food sales or tax information upon request.

11. Failure to allow monitoring by WIC representatives, or harassing or threatening any WIC representative.

12. Forging a participant's signature on a WIC food instrument.

13. Reproducing the WIC vendor stamp.

14. 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.

15. Failure to enroll in ACH within the time specified.

16. Four (4) failed assessments for non-competitive prices within a 12-month period or less.

17. Providing prohibited incentive items as part of a WIC transaction, in a manner that violates the provisions of this handbook.

18. Failure to meet the selection criteria in effect at the time of assessment at any time throughout the agreement period.

19. Less than $2,000.00 in annual WIC redemptions or not redeeming any WIC food instruments in sixty (60) days, except pharmacies and military commissaries.

20. 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.

21. 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.

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 one (1) year after being terminated from Georgia WIC. To re-apply, the vendor must complete the application process in its entirety.