

WIC APPROVED FOODS

The WIC Approved Foods posted on the Georgia Department of Public Health website at <http://dph.georgia.gov/vendor-information> are foods that are available to the WIC customer. **ONLY these foods may be purchased by the participant or proxy using the WIC food instrument.**

Because the brand names and types of infant formula as well as special medical foods are too numerous to list, approved foods will be printed directly on the front of the WIC food instrument. **The WIC customer is allowed to purchase the brand, type and size of infant formula or medical food that is printed on the front of the food instrument. Do not allow the WIC customer to purchase infant formula or medical food that is NOT listed on the food instrument.**

The vendor will receive an updated list of approved foods as changes are made, and can always check the Georgia Department of Public Health website for current information. Vendors will periodically receive pamphlets and posters of WIC approved food items that can be used as displays or as a training resource.

List of Infant Formula Wholesalers, Distributors, and Manufacturers

All vendor applicants and authorized vendors are required to purchase infant formula, to be exchanged for WIC food instruments, directly from a WIC approved supplier or manufacturer included on a list provided by the Georgia WIC Program. The Georgia WIC Program does not permit vendors to purchase infant formula from other authorized program vendors or retailers. Only purchases from the approved list will be permitted.

Records of the infant formula purchases must be maintained for a minimum of three (3) previous years plus the current year (or until any pending investigations are closed). In the event of an investigation, only purchase invoices from those approved suppliers will be considered as legitimate. The program may also require vendors to supply the program with written permission to confirm their infant formula purchase history with suppliers.

The approved list includes manufacturers registered with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) as well as licensed wholesalers, distributors and suppliers. Only Georgia WIC approved Infant Formula is eligible for purchase and distribution. A current list is posted on the Georgia WIC Vendor Management (OVM) Website and available to applicants and authorized vendors. Manufacturers and wholesalers/distributors/suppliers are listed separately. The Infant Formula supplier list will be updated as suppliers are added or at a minimum, annually. Annual updates shall observe the Federal Fiscal year of October 1st through September 30th. Vendors may not appeal the State's decision to include or exclude an infant formula wholesaler, distributor or manufacturer from the approved list.

The Approved Infant Formula Suppliers list can be located on the Georgia WIC Vendor Management Website at: <https://dph.georgia.gov/vendor-information>.

Obtaining Approval to be Placed on the Georgia WIC Approved Infant Formula Supplier List

Wholesalers, distributors, and suppliers may apply to be placed on the approved list by contacting the WIC Office of Vendor Management at 404-657-2900 or toll free at 1-866-814-5468.

The newly posted Georgia WIC Approved Infant Formula Supplier List will have an effective date that reflects the date that the last supplier(s) was added to the approved list.

Non-WIC Inventory Requirement

All vendors except pharmacies are required to carry foods other than WIC approved foods. These food items must consist of qualifying food items approved by SNAP in addition to the WIC minimum inventory and WIC-approved foods, and foods that are intended for home preparation and consumption, such as meat, fish, and poultry bread and cereal products dairy products, fruits, and vegetables. Items such as condiments and spices, coffee, tea, cocoa, carbonated and noncarbonated beverages are included in food sales only when offered for sale along with foods in the four (4) primary categories. Non-food items, alcoholic beverages, hot foods, or food that will be eaten on the store premises are not considered a part of USDA's definition of eligible foods.

At least two hundred (200) items in each of the following categories must be in stock at all times.

Non-WIC Inventory Requirement

| Food Item | Minimum in each category |
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| Meats, Poultry and/or Seafood (refrigerated or frozen) | 200 |
| Breads and Cereal Products | 200 |
| Dairy (e.g. milk, cheese, yogurt, etc.) | 200 |
| Shelf Staples (e.g. flour, sugar, pasta, pudding mix, etc.) | 200 |
| Cans, Jars, Bottled Goods (e.g. mayo, ketchup, relish, etc.) | 200 |
| Beverages (e.g. soda, water, powdered drinks, etc.) | 200 |
| Snack Foods (e.g. crackers, granola bars, etc.) | 200 |

Minimum WIC Food Inventory Requirements

Vendors are **REQUIRED** to maintain in stock a minimum variety and quantity of the WIC foods as described in the chart below. An on-site inventory audit of the below mentioned WIC-approved food items is a component of the pre-approval and routine monitoring visits.

Georgia WIC Program Minimum Inventory Requirements Effective August, 2017

| Food Item | Types/Brands | Size | Minimum Inventory | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| MILK Least Expensive Brand of type selected/allowed | Whole Milk | Gallon | 4 Gallons | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Fat Free/Skim, Low-Fat (1%), Reduced Fat (2%) Milk | Gallon | 8 Gallons (Can be Combined) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CHEESE Least Expensive Brand of type selected/allowed | One Pound Package | 16 oz (1 Pound) | 5 - 1 lb Packages 2 Types | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| EGGS Least Expensive Brand | Grade A Large | 1 Dozen Carton | 4 - 1 Dozen | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| PEANUT BUTTER | Any Brand Creamy, Crunchy, or Extra Crunchy (Regular or Low-salt) | 16-18 oz | 4 Containers 2 Brands | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| BEANS / PEAS / LENTILS | Dried Beans/Peas/ Lentils | 1 Pound Packages | 5 Packages - 2 Types | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Canned Beans/ Peas/ Lentils | 15 - 16 oz Cans | 18 Cans - 2 Types | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| JUICE | Ready to Serve Container Non-Frozen Concentrate | 48 oz 11.5 oz | 8 Containers – 2 Flavors Any Combination | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Frozen Concentrate Ready to Serve Container | 11.5 -12 oz 64 oz | 8 Containers - 2 Flavors | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| WHOLE GRAIN BREAD | Whole Grain Bread | 16 oz Loaf | 4 Loaves | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| CEREAL Whole Grain | WIC Approved Cereal Brands and Types | 11- 36 oz | 12 Boxes - 4 Types, | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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| Food Item | Types/Brands | Size | Minimum Inventory | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
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| | <i>(see WIC Approved Foods List)</i> | | 2 Types must be Whole Grain | |
| FISH Least Expensive of type selected | Tuna Pink Salmon | 5 oz, 6 oz, 7.5 oz or 14.75 oz | 18 Cans Combined | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INFANT FORMULA | Milk Based – Gerber Good Start Gentle | 12.1 oz Concentrate* | Milk Based - 16 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Soy Based – Gerber Good Start Soy | | Soy Based - 0 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Milk Based – Gerber Good Start Gentle | 12.7 oz Powder | Milk Based - 42 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Soy Based – Gerber Good Start Soy | 12.9 oz Powder | Soy Based - 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INFANT CEREAL | Dry Cereal | 8 oz Box | 12 Boxes - 2 Types, 1 must be Rice | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INFANT FRUIT & VEGETABLES | Fruit and / or Vegetable | 4 oz Jars or 8 oz Twin Packs | 72 Jars Combined or 37 – 8 oz Twin Packs | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| INFANT MEATS | Meats in Gravy or Broth | 2.5 oz Jars | * Please make this item available for purchase, in sufficient quantity upon request within 5 business days. | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| FRUITS & VEGETABLES | Fruits | Fresh, Frozen, Canned | Fresh: 20 Types (Combined Fruits and Vegetables) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| | Vegetables | Fresh, Frozen, Canned | | |

*** NOTE: MINIMUM INVENTORY FOR CONTRACT FORMULAS AND INFANT MEATS HAVE BEEN REDUCED.
VENDORS MUST BE ABLE TO ORDER MILK AND SOY CONTRACT FORMULAS AND INFANT MEATS WHEN
REQUESTED BY THE PARTICIPANT.**