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MEMORANDUM

TO: WIC Vendors

FROM: Tysha N. Grays, Vendor Manager
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SUBJECT: Calculation of Not-to-Exceed Prices (NTEs) Using eWIC Redemption

Starting November 15, 2018, the North Carolina WIC Program will begin to calculate NTEs using WIC redemption from the eWIC system. NTEs will be calculated on a monthly basis using eWIC redemption from the previous thirty-day time frame. This means that NTEs, formerly known as Maximum Allowable Prices (MAPs), will no longer be calculated using price lists submitted by vendors, but will be determined based on prices submitted through North Carolina's electronic benefit transfer system called eWIC. Until November 15th the current NTEs/MAPs established for WIC supplemental foods should be used when WIC customers transact their eWIC benefits.

NTEs will no longer be posted on the Vendor Connection web page because an NTE will now be calculated, per peer group, for each universal product code (UPC) listed in the authorized product list (APL). For example, currently there is one NTE, per peer group, for all WIC approved bread. When eWIC redemption is used, there will be a separate NTE, per peer group, for each approved bread with a UPC that is listed in the APL. Due to the large number of NTEs that will be calculated, they will no longer be uploaded to the web site for vendors to review.

We know that this change in procedure will be a big adjustment for WIC vendors. Should you have any questions regarding the NTE change due to eWIC, please email State WIC Agency staff at NCWICVendorQuestions@dhhs.nc.gov. Thank you.

TNG/

cc: Nutrition Services Staff-WIC Staff
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