**Section 672.405 WIC Vendor Contract Requirement**

All authorizations to act as WIC Retail Vendors require a properly executed, valid written WIC Vendor Contract between the Department and the Vendor. In the retail purchase system, a standard WIC Vendor Contract will be used statewide and will expire annually. Exceptions to this requirement will be made with the approval of the Secretary of the Department, consistent with USDA WIC Regulations (7 CFR 246.12(f)(1)). Food Benefits accepted after the term of the contract expires will not be reimbursed by the Department's contract bank.

a) A failure by a Vendor to provide any information required by this Part will, as specified in the Vendor Contract be deemed to constitute a material breach of contract.

b) Currently authorized WIC Retail Vendors shall be required to submit completed applications at least once every 3 years.

c) WIC Vendors appealing an order to disqualify and/or to repudiate the contract at the time of annual expiration of the WIC Vendor Contract will not be reauthorized. If the appeal is resolved in the Vendor's favor, the Vendor may reapply for authorization at that time, and may not be denied based on the prior disqualification, but only based on other reasons set forth in this Part.

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