


CERTIFICATE

STATE OF WISCONSIN )  
 ) SS  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES )

I, Joseph Leean, Secretary of the Department of Health and Family Services and custodian of the official records of the Department, do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to vendor authorization expiration and reauthorization dates under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) were duly approved and adopted by this Department on June 10, 1998.

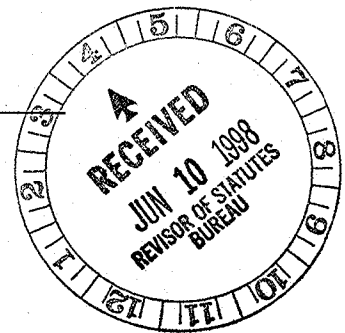
I further certify that this copy has been compared by me with the original on file in the Department and that this copy is a true copy of the original, and of the whole of the original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at the State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson Street, in the city of Madison, this 10th day of June, 1998.



Joseph Leean, Secretary  
Department of Health and Family Services

SEAL:



ORDER OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES  
AMENDING RULES

To amend HFS 149.02 (6) and 149.03 (7) (a), relating to vendor authorization expiration and reauthorization dates under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Health and Family Services

This order amends ch. HFS 149, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department's rules for designating and monitoring vendors who participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) established under 42 USC 1786. The WIC program in Wisconsin is administered by the Department and local project agencies.

WIC participants exchange WIC drafts for program-approved food items at grocery stores and pharmacies that are authorized by the state WIC office to be WIC vendors. Only grocery stores and pharmacies that are authorized WIC vendors may accept WIC drafts and be reimbursed by the state WIC office for foods provided to participants. Currently the rules provide that all vendor authorizations expire on December 31 of even-numbered years, and that the new contract period begins the next day. This order will change the expiration date to October 31 of even-numbered years, with the new contract period to begin the next day. These are more favorable dates for all parties involved in the reauthorization of vendors, including staff of local WIC projects, authorized vendors and state WIC office vendor monitoring staff.

The Department's authority to amend these rules is found in s. 46.016, Stats., s. 253.06, Stats., as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27, and s. 227.11 (2) (a), Stats. The rules interpret s. 46.106, Stats., and s. 253.06, Stats., as affected by 1997 Wisconsin Act 27.

SECTION 1. HFS 149.02 (6) is amended to read:

HFS 149.02 (6) "Contract period" means a period of 2 ~~calendar~~ years beginning ~~January~~ November 1 of the ~~odd-numbered~~ even-numbered years, except as otherwise indicated in s. HFS 149.03 (7).


SECTION 2. HFS 149.03 (7) (a) is amended to read:

HFS 149.03 (7) (a) Except for initial authorizations, all authorizations shall expire on ~~December~~ October 31 of even-numbered years regardless of when an authorization was granted.

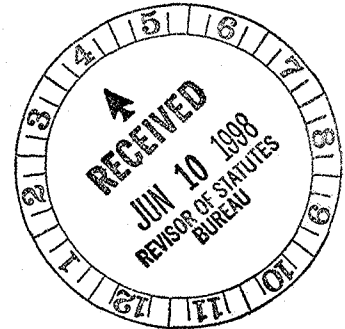
The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s. 227.22, Stats.

Wisconsin Department of Health and  
Family Services

Dated: June 10, 1998

By:   
Joseph Leach  
Secretary

SEAL:





State of Wisconsin  
Department of Health and Family Services

Tommy G. Thompson, Governor  
Joe Lean, Secretary



June 10, 1998

Mr. Bruce E. Munson  
Revisor of Statutes  
131 W. Wilson St., Suite 800  
Madison, WI 53703

Dear Mr. Munson:

As provided in s. 227.20, Stats., there is hereby submitted a certified copy of ss. HFS 149.02 (6) and 149.03 (7), administrative rules relating to vendor authorization expiration and reauthorization dates under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

These rules are also being submitted to the Secretary of State as required by s. 227.20, Stats.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Joseph Llean'.

Joseph Llean  
Secretary

Enclosure

