

# Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program: Rulemaking Announcement

## Chapter 246-790 Washington Administrative Code (WAC)

July 23, 2010

### August rulemaking workshop invitation

On August 30, 2010, the Department of Health WIC Nutrition Program will host a rulemaking workshop in Tumwater, with video links to four additional Washington cities. The purpose of the workshop is to gather feedback from the community, retailers, wholesale food distributors, food manufacturers, and other interested stakeholders on possible revisions to the current state WIC rules.

**When:** Monday, August 30, 2010

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

### Locations:

- Tumwater (primary location with live facilitation)

Town Center 2, Room 158

111 Israel Road SE

Tumwater 98501-7886

- **Kent** (interactive video)  
Department of Health Kent Office

Marketing Center Creekside Three at CenterPoint, Room 1

20435 72<sup>nd</sup> Ave S, Suite 200

Kent 98032

- **Richland** (interactive video)  
Washington State Department of Health, Conference Room

309 Bradley Blvd

Richland 99352

- **Shoreline (North Seattle)** (interactive video)  
Public Health Laboratories, Room S4

1610 NE 150<sup>th</sup> Street

Shoreline 98155-9701

- **Spokane Valley** (interactive video)  
Washington State Department of Health, Room 118

16201 E. Indiana Ave, Suite 1500

Spokane 99216

Participants will discuss the current rules and consider changes like:

1. Wording changes to make the rules easier to understand, such as clarify the definition of a full line/full service retail grocery store.
2. Updating criteria the state uses to screen retailer applications.
3. Limiting administrative fines to specific WIC program violations.

### **What is a rule?**

A rule, or regulation, is a written requirement that applies to a group of individuals that enable, guides, or directs them to do something, or prohibits them from doing something. The Department of Health administers the WIC Nutrition Program under both the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and Washington Administrative Code (WAC), State of Washington rules.

### **Why modify the current rules?**

Key portions of the rules need updating to accurately reflect current federal requirements in 7 CFR 246. Also, a variety of references, definitions, and terms in the rules are outdated.

**The sections of the Washington Administrative Codes (WACs) included in this review are:**

- 010 Definitions.
- 050 What is the WIC program?
- 060 What are WIC authorized foods?
- 065 What is the process for getting a food WIC authorized?
- 070 How do I become a WIC retailer?
- 080 What do I need to know about WIC retailer contracts?
- 085 What is expected of WIC retailers?
- 090 How are WIC retailer contracts monitored?
- 100 What happens if I don't comply with the WIC retailer contract or requirements?
- 120 How do I appeal a WIC decision I don't agree with?
- 130 How does the WIC program get input from the food industry?

**How to register**

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Please provide your contact information and indicate the location where you will be attending. If you need a disability accommodation for the workshop, please notify Peter Gayton at least 10 working days in advance of the workshop.

**What other ways to stay informed?**

To make a comment, visit the Department of Health Rule Making web site at:

<http://www.doh.wa.gov/Rules/PreProposals.htm>

For additional information, a copy of the current WIC rules, and a copy of the federal requirements go to:

- WIC Web page at <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/WIC/default.htm>
- WAC rule at <http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-790>
- Federal rule at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/lawsandregulations/default.htm>

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