

## I. FOOD DELIVERY

(Please indicate) **State Agency:** West Virginia

for FY 2025

The Food Delivery State Plan checklist collects information regarding vendor and farmer / farmers' market management as well as food delivery systems, food instruments, and electronic benefits. This checklist has combined the previous years' checklists "I. Vendor Management" and "IX. Food Delivery". Many questions pertaining to paper food instruments were removed, and the checklist was revised to capture the EBT environment. All new questions which were not pulled from either of the previous checklists, and new options for SAs to select in certain questions, are highlighted for ease of identification.

Vendor and farmer/farmers' market management includes all those activities associated with selecting, authorizing, training, and monitoring, stores and farmers/markets participating in the WIC Program.

Food delivery accountability includes the issuance, redemption, and monitoring of the Retail Food Delivery System, and the procurement and delivery of supplemental foods to participants in the Home Food and Direct Distribution Delivery Systems.

During disasters, emergencies, public health emergencies, or a supply chain disruption, the State agency may request to implement existing and allowable regulatory flexibilities or waivers to support the continuation of Program benefits and services. Waivers granted under Access to Baby Formula Act of 2022 (codified at 7 CFR 246.4a(30)) or temporary provision(s) authorized by Congress are not permanent amendments to the State Plan and should not be reflected in answers below. Instead, waiver flexibilities impacting Program benefits and services should be recorded in Appendix C. However, State agencies should consider any historical amendments as the result of waivers granted under prior waiver authority to develop policies and procedures for current and future disasters.

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### II. HOME FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS

7 CFR 246.4(a)(14), 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)\(viii\)](#), [7 CFR 246.12\(m\)](#):

Describe how the home delivery system operates including the types of authorized home food delivery contractors, the frequency of deliveries, and the procedures for documenting deliveries. Include a description of specialty infant formula, if applicable.

### III. DIRECT DISTRIBUTION FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS

7 CFR 246.4(a)(14), 7 CFR 246.12(n):

Describe the methodology and procedures used in the direct distribution of supplemental foods, including types of foods distributed, warehouse and distribution centers, the

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verification process, and assurance of safety. Include a description of specialty infant formula, if applicable.

IV. RETAIL FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS: BENEFIT ISSUANCE AND FOOD INSTRUMENTS

A. **Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Management** – 7 CFR [246.12\(y\)\(4\)\(ii\)](#):

Describe updates on any active EBT projects.

B. **Food Instrument Overview** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(11\)\(iii\)](#), [\(14\)\(i\)](#), [\(vi\)](#), [\(xii\)](#):

Describe the policies and procedures used by the State agency in producing, monitoring, and accounting for the use of food instruments.

C. **Benefit Issuance** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(11\)\(iii\)](#), [\(14\)\(xx\)](#); 7 CFR [246.12\(r\)\(4\)](#); 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)\(i\)](#), [\(x\)](#), [\(xi\)](#), [\(xv\)](#):

Describe the State agency's procedures for issuing food instruments to participants, including procedures for verifying identity, providing education on how to use food instruments, and proxy policies. Include alternative benefit issuance procedures for special circumstances.

D. **Food benefit redemption and disposition** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)\(xiii\)](#), [\(xix\)](#):

Describe the procedures used to monitor food benefit redemption and disposition and the management of lost/stolen/damaged food instruments.

V. RETAIL FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS: VENDOR MANAGEMENT

A. **Participant Access** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)\(xiv\)](#), 7 CFR [246.12\(l\)\(1\)\(ix\)](#):

Provide information about the State agency's definition of participant access.

B. **Vendor Selection and Authorization** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)](#), [\(15\)](#), [246.12\(g\)\(3\)](#), [\(8\)](#); 7 CFR [246.12\(h\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#):

Describe limiting criteria, application periods, selection criteria, relevant exemptions (if applicable), how above-50-vendors are assessed, and if pharmacies are authorized. Attach a sample vendor agreement. Include description of peer groups, and a brief description of how the SA informs vendors of allowable infant formula providers.

C. **Vendor Cost Containment** (including management of above 50 percent vendors) – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)](#), 7 CFR [246.12\(g\)\(4\)\(vi\)](#):

If the State agency authorizes or plans to authorize any above-50-percent vendors, FNS must certify the State agency's vendor cost containment system. For certification, the State agency must describe the competitive pricing and reimbursement methods implemented to ensure that average payments per food instrument to above-50-percent vendors do not exceed average payments per food instrument to comparable regular vendors.

D. **Vendor Agreements** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)\(iii\)](#):

Describe information regarding the vendor agreement.

E. **Vendor Training** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)](#), 7 CFR [246.12\(j\)](#):

Describe State and local agency procedures for training WIC Program vendors.

F. **Routine monitoring** – 7 CFR [246.4\(a\)\(14\)](#), 7 CFR [246.12\(j\)\(2\)](#):

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Describe the criteria used to select vendors for routine monitoring as well as the methods and scope of on-site routine monitoring activities. Include any relevant information about the State agency's plans for improvement in the coming year.

**G. Administrative Review of State Agency Actions – [7 CFR 246.4\(a\)\(14\)](#), [\(a\)\(18\)](#):**

Describe the procedures for conducting both full and abbreviated administrative reviews.

**VI. RETAIL FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS: FARMERS AND FARMERS' MARKETS**

**(if applicable) – [7 CFR 246.4\(a\)\(14\)\(iii\)](#), [\(a\)\(14\)\(xii\)](#), (a)(14)(v); 7 CFR [246.12\(v\)](#):**

If the State agency allows farmers / farmers' markets to transact cash value benefits, describe the farmer / farmers' market agreement, monitoring, and training procedures.

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1. Which of the following food delivery systems does your State agency operate? Be sure to consider how the State agency provides specialty formula to participants.
  - Home Food Delivery (please fill out section II)
  - Direct Distribution Food Delivery (please fill out section III)
  - Retail Food Delivery (please fill out sections IV, V, and VI)

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II. HOME FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS

Does not apply (proceed to next section)

1. The State agency uses home food delivery systems to:
  - Provide all WIC program foods
  - Reach select remote / rural participants
  - Reach select participants with mobility or transportation concerns
  - Provide specialty infant formula and/or medical foods
  - Other (specify): Provide a limited selection of WIC foods from each category for online ordering and delivery.
2. Home food deliveries take place:
  - Monthly
  - Bi-monthly
  - Every three month
  - Other (specify): When participants place an online order.
3. Home food delivery vendors include:
  - Dairies
  - Private delivery service doing WIC business only
  - Private delivery service
  - Infant formula providers
  - Hospitals
  - Other (specify): Click or tap here to enter text.
4. Participants who receive home food delivery:
  - Are notified in writing of the types and quantities of food they will receive
  - Indicate by authorized signature on FI, receipt, or signature device that supplemental foods were received
  - Are delivered only a one-month supply of supplemental foods per delivery
  - Other (specify): Participants verify benefits being deducted during online checkout.

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5. Supplemental foods may be delivered:

- Only to the participant
- To the proxy
- To any adult at home during time of delivery
- To anyone at home during time of delivery
- Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

6. Documentation:

a. The forms verifying delivery are reconciled against vendor invoices:

- Weekly
- Monthly
- Other (specify): Payment files are matched back to issuance. If participant indicates formula is missing, delivery method is researched with CAP Formula Warehouse and future orders must be shipped to the clinic..

b. Signatures of participants who sign the receipt are compared to signatures on file:

- Yes
- No

7. Please attach a list of the names of contractors/providers that the State agency works with to provide Home Delivery services: CAP of Lancaster, Umoja Supply.

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III. [DIRECT DISTRIBUTION FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS](#)

Does not apply (proceed to next section)

1. The State agency uses direct distribution food delivery systems to:

- Distribute all WIC program foods
- Distribute specialty infant formula and/or medical foods
- Distribute foods to accommodate the needs of select participants
- Other (specify): N/A

2. The State agency uses:

- One central warehouse and delivers directly to local agencies
- One central warehouse from which foods are sent to one or more subsidiary warehouses before delivery to local agencies
- Other (specify):.

3. Warehouses are operated by:

- State agency
- Local agencies

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- Other public agency
- Under contract with private business
- Other (specify): N/A

4. Warehouses used for WIC foods are also used to store other FNS program commodities (please specify which):

- Yes, Click or tap here to enter text.
- No

5. Foods are distributed to participants:

- Grocery store fashion
- Pre-packaged
- Other (specify): N/A

6. Upon receipt of foods, participants / caregivers / proxies are required to sign:

- A receipt for each food received
- A receipt for all foods received (as a whole package)
- Other (specify): Signature may not be that of the participant/parent/guardian.

7. Foods are distributed to participants:

- Monthly
- Every three months
- Other (specify): N/A

8. Participants with limited access to distribution sites can utilize:

- Home food delivery
- Cost-free transportation
- Other (specify): Most orders are shipped to the home; however, if there has been an issue with delivery in the past, the participant must pick up formula at the clinic.

9. **Monitoring and Inventory Control**: Describe the State agency's methods for ensuring WIC supplemental foods are adequately received, in stock, and issued.

WV orders special formulas for clients a few days in advance to ensure that delivery will be timely for the clients. This allows the CAP formula warehouse to order formulas if needed. CAP Warehouse has run into issues with backordered formulas, WV gets a report twice a week of pending orders due to backordered formulas along with a list of available formulas and backorder status. WV works this report and notifies clinics for them to check with clients/doctors to see if another formula can be ordered. Once that is determined, WIC will need a new WIC53 (medical documentation) for the newly prescribed formula.

Please indicate the provisions the State agency includes in its inventory control policies for direct distribution contractors:

- Separation of duties for intake and inventory
- Stock rotation
- Performance of perpetual and physical inventory duties

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- Reconciliation against issuance records
- Other (specify): N/A

10. Please attach a list of the names of contractors that the State agency works with to provide Direct Distribution Delivery services: CAP of Lancaster.

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IV. RETAIL FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS: BENEFIT ISSUANCE AND FOOD INSTRUMENTS

A. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Management

1. Does the State agency have any future EBT changes planned?

- Yes
- No

a. If yes, what type of changes:

- EBT contract re-procurement
- Self-checkout installation at vendors
- Offline to Online EBT transition
- Other (specify): Online ordering.

b. If yes, please provide a short description of the type of changes and when they are expected to be implemented. An online ordering platform in which participants use the WICShopper app to place and order. The foods are then shipped directly to the participant.

**Additional information if applicable:** N/A

B. Food Instrument Overview

1. The State agency uses the following types of Food Instruments (check all that apply):

- EBT card
- QR code
- Other (e.g., paper voucher): Click or tap here to enter text.

2. Please provide a description of the State agency's system for ensuring the accountability and security of food instruments and electronic benefits. Attach and cite relevant policies and procedures. | Appendix-B- 3.02 Security of eWIC Benefit Cards

**Additional information:** Please provide a facsimile of the EBT card as an Appendix or cite the location in the State agency's Food Delivery Policy: | Appendix- C - WV\_eWIC\_Card\_v2 w QR.

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C. Benefit Issuance

1. The State agency:
  - Requires participants to pick up food instruments at the local agency when scheduled for an in-person nutrition education or a certification appointment
  - Allows benefits to be issued remotely to participants except when the participant is scheduled for nutrition education or a certification appointment
  - Mails food instruments to participants**
  - Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
  
2. The State agency requires the following proof of receipt when issuing Food Instruments:
  - Participant / caretaker / proxy signature confirming receipt
  - Local agency staff initials
  - Documented in MIS
  - Other (specify): [Electronic signature by participant, parent/guardian, caretaker, proxy, or WIC staff.](#)
  
3. Mailing of Food Instruments:
  - a. The State agency provides local agencies with guidelines / procedures for mailing Food Instruments to participants:
    - Yes
    - No
  
  - b. The State agency has implemented the following policy regarding mailing Food Instruments (FI) (check all that apply)
    - FI are sent first class mail \*(first class is considered *regular* mail)
    - FI are sent registered mail
    - FI are sent certified mail
    - FI are sent restricted mail
    - Return receipt is requested on FIs sent certified mail
    - Envelope specifies, “do not forward, return to sender” or “do not forward, address correction requested”
    - Other (specify): [EBT can be mailed under extenuating hardship cases.](#)
  
  - c. The State agency approves mailing Food Instruments under the following conditions:
    - Participant resides in rural area
    - Participant is unable to visit clinic during operating hours (e.g., due to employment or childcare)
    - Clinic management (e.g., temporary clinic closure)
    - Participant safety (e.g., circumstances where participant safety can't be guaranteed at the clinic location)
    - Cost effectiveness (e.g., the clinic is temporarily understaffed)
    - Public Health Emergency



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Other (specify): WV does not typically mail. However, for reasons listed above, benefits may be remotely loaded to EBT cards without the client having to come to the clinic. Each situation is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

d. When mailing Food Instruments, documentation of issuance is:

Signed by participant at the next in-person appointment

Documented in the MIS by local agency staff

Other (specify): Notated in the participant's record within Crossroads as to the reason and approval of the mailing of the EBT card to the participant.

e. **Please describe how the state agency** ensures program integrity in the mailing of food instruments: I Appendix-D- 3.09 Remotely Issuing Electronic Benefits and E-Mailing the Shopping List. Remotely Issuing Electronic Benefits and E-Mailing the Shopping List

4. The State agency requires local agency staff to educate each new participant / caretaker / proxy regarding:

Authorized vendors / farmers

Transaction procedures

Transacting WIC-approved foods

Use of a proxy

Reporting problems / requesting assistance

Participant violations (i.e., selling WIC benefits)

Food Instrument security tips (i.e., regularly changing PIN)

Other (specify): Rights and responsibilities.

5. The State agency's proxy policy includes the following:

Limits the number of participants a single proxy may sign for, except that a proxy may pick up Food Instruments for all homeless WIC participants in a facility

Limits proxy to specified number of Food Instrument pick-ups

Limits proxy to a minimum age

Limits proxy assignment to local WIC staff

Proxies are required to show identification card at Food Instrument pick up

Other (specify): Limits the number of proxies.

6. What are the State agency procedures for providing customer service during non-business hours for participant / vendor / farmer inquiries?

EBT toll free number

Other (specify): N/A

7. Special Food Instrument Issuance Accommodations

a. The State agency has established food delivery procedures in cases of natural

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disaster and emergencies including:

- Mailing food instruments
- Remote benefit issuance
- Direct distribution
- Home food delivery
- Other (specify): Load one month of benefits onto the EBT card if certification is active.

b. Does the State agency adapt its food delivery system to accommodate the needs of homeless individuals?

- Yes  No

If yes, please cite and attach policy: I Appendix-E-2.18 Services to Persons Affiliated with Institutions and Homeless Facilities.

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**D. Food Instrument Redemption and Disposition**

1. The State agency system assures 100% disposition of all Food Instruments:

- Yes  No

If no, specify the circumstances that prevent 100% disposition: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

2. For EBT systems disposition, does the State agency link the Primary Account Number (PAN) associated with the electronic transaction to valid issuance records? (This can be done by matching the electronic benefit record for the household to redemptions by the EBT card number (PAN) at the aggregate household benefit level.)

- Yes  No

If no, specify how the State agency ensures disposition for EBT: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

3. Does the disposition happen within 120 days of the first date of use for the participant?

- Yes  No

If no, specify when disposition occurs: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

**4. Customer Service Standards**

a. The State agency's customer service procedures enable participants or proxies to do the following during non-business hours:

- Report a lost/stolen/damaged card
- Report other card or benefit issues

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- Receive information on the EBT food balance
- Receive the current benefit end date
- Other (specify): N/A

b. Describe how the State agency responds to reports of lost/stolen/damaged cards within one business day of the date of the report. The State Agency will deactivate the card in the MIS immediately upon report. If after hours, EBT customer service representatives can deactivate the card upon report.

5. Lost / Stolen / Damaged Food Instruments - Please attach and cite the policies and procedures for replacing lost, stolen, or damaged Food Instruments, including how the associated benefits are transferred within seven business days. | [Appendix-F- 3.07 Lost, Stolen and Damaged eWIC Benefit Cards](#)

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V. RETAIL FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS: VENDOR MANAGEMENT

A. Participant Access

1. Please provide the State agency definition for participant access. Include full criteria, including geography, density, and any other parameters in your response: Participant access is defined in WV Policy and Procedure 8.03: To be considered inadequate participant access, one(1) of the following conditions must be indicated: Proximity of another authorized Vendor is more than three (3) miles driving distance; the Vendor serves ten (10) or more WIC participants whose specific nationality could not be properly served by another authorized Vendor located within a one (1) mile distance because of a language barrier; geographic barriers or conditions which would make normal travel burdensome or impossible to another authorized vendor (i.e., an unbridged river, an expressway and frequent road closings because of bad weather); a significant number of WIC participants, generally twenty (20) or more, would be required to travel an unreasonable distance to another authorized Vendor in order to receive WIC benefits; the participant has a physical disability that cannot be accommodated by alternative Vendors (For this condition to apply, the participant with a disability must have done more than half of the participant's food benefit redemption in the previous six (6) months with this vendor.); or the need to provide adequate service to participants when circumstances make it necessary such as new clinic site opening, participant caseload increases, store closings, or currently authorized WIC stores cease operations.

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**B. Vendor Selection and Authorization**

1. Number and Distribution of Authorized Vendors

a. Does the State agency use limiting criteria to limit the number of vendors it authorizes?

Yes

No

b. If yes, check and specify the type(s) of criteria used (e.g., vendor / participant ratio of 1:100 per county):

Vendor / participant ratio

Vendors / local agency ratio

Vendors / local service area or county ratio

Vendors / geographic area

Vendor / State agency staff ratio

Statewide cap on the number of vendors

Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

2. Vendor Application periods:

a. The State agency considers applications:

On an ongoing basis

Annually in [Choose an item.](#) for a new agreement that begins in [Choose an item.](#)

Every two years (specify month): [Choose an item.](#)

Every three years (specify month): [Choose an item.](#)

Any time there is a participant access need

The State agency is currently under a:

Federal Moratorium

State agency – imposed deferral of application processing

Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

b. If the State agency does not accept applications on an ongoing basis, please explain how the State agency processes applications if it is determined there will otherwise be inadequate participant access: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

3. Vendor Selection and Authorization

a. The vendor selection criteria used to select vendors for program authorization includes:

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Required criteria:

- EBT capable as defined in 7 CFR 246.12(aa)(4)(ii)
- Competitive price criteria based on:
  - Market basket prices
  - Vendor applicant prices
  - WIC redemption data
  - A State agency standard drawn from a price survey
  - Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
- Minimum stocking requirements (MSR) that include the federal minimum. MSR are:
  - Statewide
  - Peer group specificPlease attach a copy and cite: I Appendix-G- 8.11 Minimum Stock Requirements and Allowable Exemptions.
- A requirement to obtain infant formula only from sources included in the State agency's list of State licensed infant formula wholesalers, distributors, and retailers and manufacturers registered with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- A business integrity criteria that includes:
  - No history during the past six years, among the vendor's owners, officers, or managers of criminal convictions or civil judgments for activities listed in 7 CFR 246.12(g)(3)(ii)
  - No history of other business-related criminal convictions or civil judgments
  - Other (specify): [Compliance with tax, unemployment and workers compensation.](#)
- Lack of current SNAP disqualification or civil money penalty for hardship per 7 CFR 246.12(g)(3)(iii)
- Incentive items management (if the State agency is certified to authorize A50 vendors) (specify): [N/A](#)

Optional criteria

- A requirement to stock a full range of foods in addition to WIC supplemental foods
- Redemption of a minimum value/volume of food instruments and CVBs
- Satisfactory compliance with previous vendor agreement
- Certification by an approved State or local health department
- Proof of authorization as a SNAP retailer, including SNAP authorization number
- Lack of previous WIC sanctions
- Hours of operation which meet State agency criteria (specify): [Suitable hours visibly posted and adhered to.](#)
- Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

b. Infant formula: Please attach or briefly explain the policies and procedures for

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compiling and distributing to authorized WIC vendors, on an annual or more frequent basis, a list of authorized infant formula wholesalers, distributors, and retailers: Annually WV reviews and distributes a list of authorized infant formula distributors. The list is updated based on FNS approved distributors and all previous distributors are contacted to verify contact information and continued ability to provide infant formula.

- c. Does the State agency assess all vendor applications not meeting selection criteria for participant access?

Yes  No

Describe or attach and as an appendix the procedures used for assessing vendor applications for participant access: I Appendix-H- 8.03 Participant Access Assessment; I Appendix I - 8.03 Attachment 1 PAA Form.

- d. Does the State agency authorize mobile stores?

Yes  No

If yes, please explain the special need:

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C. Vendor Cost Containment

1. Assessing for above-50-percent (A50) status:

- a. Does the State agency authorize any vendors that derive more than 50 percent of their annual food sales from WIC transactions (i.e. A50 vendors)?

Yes, please attach a copy of the latest FNS-approved certification and cite as an Appendix N/A

No

- b. When does the State agency assess vendors for above-50-percent status?

At authorization

6 months after authorization

Annually

Other (specify): N/A

- c. How does the State agency assess vendors for above-50-percent status?

Use the Potential A50 Vendors report in FDP (previously WIC-6 in TIP)

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- Collect food sales documentation from vendor
- Collect food sales documentation from another agency (specify):
- Other (specify): N/A

d. If the State agency authorizes above-50-percent vendors, please provide a copy of the State agency's policies and procedures on incentive items in accordance with 7 CFR 246.12(g)(3)(iv).

2. **Vendor Peer Groups** (If the State agency has an exemption to use an alternative cost containment system instead of a vendor peer group system, proceed to question 3)

a. Does the State agency establish distinct competitive price criteria and maximum allowable reimbursement levels for each vendor peer group?

- Yes  No

b. Briefly describe how the State agency considers participant access by geographic area when establishing competitive price criteria and maximum allowable reimbursement levels. The State agency ensures participant access by considering the geographic area when establishing competitive price criteria and maximum allowable reimbursement levels. They use an algorithm that calculates the Not-to-Exceed (NTE) price based on the average food prices within each peer group, adjusted weekly or bi-weekly according to sales data. This approach helps keep NTE prices close to the average food prices, ensuring consistency across different regions. The process involves setting a start price point and adjusting it based on sales, thus maintaining fair pricing and access for participants in various geographic areas.

c. Are vendors assigned to peer groups for selection / authorization?

- Yes  No

d. Are vendors assigned to peer groups for reimbursement purposes?

- Yes  No

e. Peer groups are based on the following:

- WIC sales volume
- Gross food sales
- Number of cash registers
- Square footage
- Type of Store
- Location of store
- Local agency service area
- City, county, or regional divisions
- Urban, suburban, rural, island
- ZIP codes

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Other (specify): Location of corporate headquarters, number of states served by chain.

- f. **Has the State** agency received approval for an exemption from the requirement to use geography as one of the criteria for developing the peer groups?  
 Yes - date of most recent FNS approval: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)  
 No
- g. The State agency assesses the effectiveness of its peer group system and competitive price criteria to enhance system performance:  
 Annually  
 Biennially  
 Every three years  
 Other (specify): N/A
- h. How does the State agency assess the effectiveness of its peer group system and competitive price criteria? For applicants, a food basket analysis utilizing the statewide average of the four most common WIC food packages plus a 15% inflation factor – based on the vendor price survey – is used to determine if an applicant is competitive within the specified vendor classification. Food basket analysis is then conducted using redemption data at reauthorization for all vendors..
- i. Provide date of most recent FNS peer group assessment of effectiveness per 7 CFR 246.12(g)(4)(ii)(C): 7/10/2020.
- ii. Using **the Vendor Peer Groups Chart (see Attachment 1)**, describe the peer groupings that the State agency plans to use during the upcoming fiscal year (e.g., supermarkets, medium and small grocery stores, convenience stores). Mass Merchandisers, National Grocery Chains, Regional Grocery Chains, Local Grocery Chains, Rural Independent Grocers, Isolated Independent Grocers.

**3. Vendor Exemptions**

- a. If the State agency has no peer group system, and instead uses an alternative cost containment system:
- i. Has the State agency received approval for an exemption from the vendor peer group system requirement (7 CFR 246.12(g)(4)(v))?  
 Yes, date of most recent approved exemption [Click or tap to enter a date.](#)  
 No



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ii. Describe the State agency's alternative system for comparing the prices of new vendor applicants and currently authorized vendors and selecting for authorization or reauthorization vendors that offer the program the most competitive prices: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

b. Does the State agency exempt from competitive price criteria pharmacies that provide only exempt infant formula or WIC-eligible medical foods to participants?

Yes  No

[If yes, please provide the notification sent to FNS explaining the exemption.](#)

N/A

c. Did the State agency exempt non-profit WIC vendors (other than health or human services agencies that provide food under contract with the State agency) from competitive price criteria?

Yes  No

**D. Vendor Agreements**

1. Please provide a copy of the State agency's current standard vendor agreement as an appendix and cite: [I Appendix-J- WV Vendor Agreement\\_9\\_12\\_23.](#)

2. [Describe how the State agency transmits to vendors the sanction schedule and the process for notification of violations.](#) Vendor Handbook, which must be kept on hand by each vendor contains sanction schedule. Information on sanctions and violations is also reviewed during annual on authorization training.

3. Does the State agency use a nonstandard vendor agreement to meet any unique circumstances (e.g. commissaries, etc.)?

Yes, if yes, please attach a copy of the agreement as an appendix and cite: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

No

4. Does the State agency delegate the signing of vendor agreements to its local agencies?

Yes, provide a description of the supervision and instruction provided to local agencies to ensure the uniformity and quality of this activity: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

No

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E. Vendor Training

1. Does annual vendor training cover the required content in 7 CFR 246.12(i)(2)?  
 Yes  No (please explain why): N/A
2. Vendors or vendor representatives receive training on the following occasions and / or through the following materials:
  - On-site (in-store) meetings/conferences
  - Off-site meetings/conferences
  - During routine monitoring visits (e.g., educational buys)
  - When specialized technical assistance is requested
  - Written materials (e.g., newsletters)
  - Audio or video recordings
  - Teleconference, video conference, or webinars
  - Vendor hotline
  - Other (specify): N/A
3. Vendors or vendor representatives receive interactive training as follows:
  - At or before initial authorization
  - At least once every three years
  - Annually or more frequently than once every three years
4. Delegation of Vendor training
  - a. The State agency delegates its vendor training to:
    - None (State agency conducts all vendor training)
    - Local agencies
    - A contractor (specify):
    - A vendor association / representative (specify):
    - Other (specify):N/A
  - b. If not conducted by the State agency, please provide a description of the supervision and instruction provided to the training party to ensure the uniformity and quality of training: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)
5. Documentation of Vendor Training
  - a. **Please describe how the State agency documents the content of and vendor participation in vendor training.** Vendor training materials are saved and participation is documented within the MIS.

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F. Routine Monitoring

1. Routine monitoring visits

a. Visits are conducted by:

- State agency staff
- Local agency staff
- Contractor
- Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

b. If not conducted by the State agency, please provide a description of the supervision and instruction provided to the monitoring party to ensure the uniformity and quality of monitoring: [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

c. The following procedures are used in determining whether a vendor is selected for a routine monitoring visit:

- Random selection
- Periodic / scheduled training
- Periodic / scheduled review
- Complaints
- Other (specify): [Previous fiscal year failed routine monitoring visit.](#)

2. Vendor monitoring improvement plan - Please briefly describe the State agency's plan to follow up on last year's monitoring results in the coming fiscal year: Vendors that failed previous year monitoring are visited again for monitoring.

3. Vendor Sanctions

a. Attach the State agency's sanction schedule and the process for vendor notification. Cite attachments: [I Appendix-K- WV WIC Vendor Violations and Sanctions.](#)

b. Does the State agency's sanction schedule contain the required vendor sanctions as described under regulation 7 CFR 246.12(l)?

- Yes
- No

If no, please explain why: [N/A](#)

c. Does the State agency impose civil money penalties in lieu of permanent disqualifications?

- Yes
- No

If yes, please describe the instances in which this occurs: [If a vendor is needed for participant access.](#)

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- d. Pursuant to [§ 246.12\(l\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) - In lieu of disqualifying a vendor for trafficking convictions, does the State agency choose to impose a civil monetary penalty when it determines and documents that:

(A) Disqualification of the vendor would result in inadequate participant access; or

(B) The vendor had, at the time of the violation, an effective policy in place to prevent trafficking; and the ownership of the vendor was not aware of, did not approve of, and was not involved in the conduct of the violation.

If yes, how many times has the State agency used this option in the previous two fiscal years? 0.

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Appendix-L- 8.04 Civil Money Penalty

**G. Administrative Review of State Agency Actions**

1. Please attach a copy of the administrative appeals process for vendors, farmers, and farmers’ markets (citation): I Appendix-M- 8.06 Fair Hearing Policy for Vendors.

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**VI. RETAIL FOOD DELIVERY SYSTEMS: FARMERS / FARMERS’ MARKETS**

Does not apply

**1. Food instrument:**

- a. Please describe the type of food instrument used for CVB at farmers’ markets:

QR code sticker

QR code on mobile app

Printed QR code

Mobile wallet

EBT card

Other (specify): N/A

**2. General Management**

- a. Is CVB at farmers’ markets state-wide?

Yes

No, selected areas (specify): N/A

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b. Does the State agency delegate any tasks related to the management of the Farmers or Farmers' Markets to another entity?

- Yes, to whom? WV Department of Agriculture.  No

If yes, which tasks?

- Authorization / agreements  
 Monitoring  
 Training  
 Administrative reviews  
 Other (specify): Printing of civil right posters and authorized foods lists.

c. Does the State agency authorize farmers / farmers' markets to accept CVB based on authorization by the WIC Farmers' Market Nutrition Program (FMNP)?

- Yes  No

If no, please describe the selection criteria: N/A

3. **Agreements:** Please provide a copy of the State agency's current farmer / farmers' market agreement as an appendix and cite: I Appendix-N- Farmer Agreement.

4. **Training:**

a. How often is training conducted for farmer / farmers' markets?

- At or before initial authorization  
 Annually  
 At least every three years following initial authorization  
 Other (specify): N/A

b. How is training conducted?

- Newsletter  
 Web-Based Training  
 Video Conference  
 In person  
 Other (specify): N/A

c. Training is conducted by:

- State agency  
 Local agency  
 Contractor  
 Other (specify): Department of Agriculture.

d. If training is conducted by an entity other than the State agency, please provide a description of the supervision and instruction provided to the entity responsible for training to ensure the uniformity and quality of this Training: The State Agency works

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in conjunction with the WV Dept of Agriculture to develop the training curriculum.

**5. Monitoring:**

- a. Farmers/farmers' markets are included in the:
  - FMNP sample of farmers / farmers' markets for monitoring
  - WIC sample of vendors for monitoring
  - Other (specify):
  
- b. Monitoring includes:
  - Covert methods, such as compliance buys
  - Overt methods, such as routine monitoring
  - Other (specify): [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

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