



Reply to
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WIC Vendor Agreement/Contract

To:
Regional Directors
Supplemental Food Programs
All Regions

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify that the WIC vendor agreement/contract does not constitute a license or property interest.

Because a vendor does not require the legal approval of the State agency to do business in the State and would not effectively be deprived of this right in the absence of WIC authorization the vendor agreement/contact cannot be considered a license. Furthermore, the contract or agreement conveys no property interest since program legislation does not give rise to a legitimate claim of entitlement for vendors. Rather, the terms of authorization are established in a contract or agreement between the State agency and the vendor, and the relationship ends with the expiration of this document.

If you have any additional questions, please contact this office.

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