

New Hampshire WIC Policy & Procedure Manual

Chapter 8. CERTIFICATION, ELIGIBILITY, & COORDINATION OF SERVICES G. Dual Participation, Participant Rights and Responsibilities, Fair Hearing Procedures, and Sanction System

Selling WIC Program Benefits

Purpose	To protect program integrity and prevent the selling, intent to sell or trade for cash, goods or services of value, WIC foods, benefits or formula verbally, in newspapers, or on the internet.
Policy	All WIC participants, payees and proxies shall be notified verbally that it is illegal to sell, intend to sell or allow someone else to sell your WIC benefits/card, WIC foods, or WIC formula verbally, in newspapers, or on the internet, using websites such as, but not limited to, Craigslist, Facebook, Twitter, Amazon, and eBay. Such activity is a violation of WIC federal regulations, and will result in a participant violation.
Authority	USDA WIC Policy Memorandum #2012-1 Offering to Sell WIC Foods, Benefits and/or EBT Cards Publicly or Online FNS email guidance 03-30-2012 CFR 246.2 CFR 246.7 (j)(10) CFR 246.10(b)(2)(ii)(D) CFT 246.12(u)1
Procedure	<p>All participants, payees, and proxies shall be informed, at a minimum, at time of certification of the NH WIC Program Rights and Rules. This includes <i>informing the participant</i>, payee, and/or proxy of the illegality of selling, intending to sell, allowing someone else to sell WIC foods, or trading for cash, goods or services of value, benefits , formula verbally, in newspapers, or on the internet.</p> <p>All participants, payees, proxies shall be offered a printed copy of the WIC Program Rights and Rules at the time of determining eligibility and/or directions to access the document online. At this time they will sign the RR document electronically—staff will confirm that by signing they understand the rights and rules and agree to abide by the rules.</p> <p>Documentation that the information was reviewed shall be recorded on the Basic Contacts screen for all participants at time of certification.</p> <p>The following NH documents include wording that it is illegal to sell WIC benefits and/or that you or your child may be taken off the program for selling or trying to sell WIC foods or get a cash refund for WIC foods,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. NH WIC Approved Food List2. WIC Rights and Rules document (signature required) <p>Local Agency staff shall notify the State Agency to report suspected</p>

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unlawful selling, intent to sell or trading for cash, goods or services of value, of WIC benefits, foods, or formula. This may be reported via email or phone. The State Agency shall then investigate the report, reports back to the local agency if report is valid or not and provide further instructions regarding education needed and/or warning or violation procedures. The SA sends a letter to the participant notifying them that it is illegal to sell WIC benefits for reported selling of foods/formula consistent with WIC benefits.

Participants are educated to purchase only those foods in their benefit package that they wish to receive, request their food package be tailored to remove foods the participant does not consume, or donate unused and unopened WIC foods and/or formula to their local food pantry.

Exception None