

Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention WIC Nutrition Program

Effective: October 1, 2012

Policy No.VM-11

Revised: October 1, 2020

Vendor Price Lists

Authority

7 CFR § 246.4 (a)(14)(vi)

Policy

1. Price list information shall be collected from vendors. The State Agency shall collect price data at a minimum of twice a year, but may collect more frequently at the State Agency discretion.

Procedures

1. Data collected has food prices for:
 - 1.1. All brands and sizes of supplemental foods;
 - 1.2. Highest price supplemental food items within food categories; and
 - 1.3. All authorized vendors.
2. The State Agency verifies price data provided by vendors during routine monitoring visits and if the vendor is identified as a high-risk vendor.
3. The State Agency analyzes price data on a routine or as needed basis and uses it to:
 - 3.1. Calculate the Maximum Allowable Redemption value for each food item based upon peer grouping;
 - 3.2. Generate Maximum Allowable Redemption values;
 - 3.3. Determine competitive pricing to inform WIC staff on vendor selection decisions;
 - 3.4. Develop vendor peer groups; and
 - 3.5. Flag WIC benefit transactions that appear to be overcharges.