**Washington State WIC Nutrition Program**

### Agreement for Clinic Staff

The following definitions apply:

**Family relationships:** includes mother, father, sibling, son, daughter, grandparent, in-law, aunt, uncle, cousin, niece, nephew, step-parent or any step family member.

**Friends:** A close acquaintance or a person the staff person spends time with outside work.

**Vendors:** include WIC authorized grocery stores, farmers markets and farm stores.

**I agree:**

1. I won’t direct or recommend participants to choose, or to stay away from a specific vendor to use their WIC Card to purchase food benefits, including Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) benefits.
2. I won’t receive any gratuities including cash, food, samples, or food coupons for personal use from a vendor as a result of my WIC employment.
3. I don’t have a financial or ownership interest in an authorized vendor by marriage or family relationship.

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| **[ ]** I don’t have any conflict of interest. |
| **[ ]** I do have, or may have, a conflict of interest. Please describe: (use back of form if needed)**Note:** Contact state Program Compliance Unit to review potential conflicts of interest. |
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1. I will conduct myself in a manner which assures program compliance.
2. I won’t give preferential treatment to anyone including my family, friends, or other staff members.
3. I won’t certify or issue benefits to myself, family or friends. I will work with my supervisor to determine appropriate procedures if there’s no one else available to provide WIC services.

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| **[ ]** I am not a WIC participant or the parent guardian of a WIC participant. |
| **[ ]** I am a WIC participant or the parent guardian of a WIC participant and agree to the following: |
|  | I understand the local agency will monitor my WIC participation closely to prevent participant violations and fraud from occurring. |
|  | I understand that violating rules and program compliance policies may result in sanctions such as repayment for benefits improperly received or disqualification from the WIC Nutrition Program. |
|  | I accept responsibility for my actions as a WIC Nutrition Program participant or parent guardian who is also employed as a clinic employee.  |

**Agreement and Signature:**

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| I acknowledge that federal and state rules, the Washington WIC Manual and this agency’s policies have been explained to me and I agree to follow them. (See References on next page.) |
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| Employee signature |  | Date |
| Sign: /s/First and last name*.* |  | *Click here to enter a date.* |
| Coordinator/Agency Representative signature |  | Date |

**Conflict of Interest:** (Additional information)

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**References:**

* [7 Consolidated Federal Regulations 7 CFR 246](https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=a42889f84f99d56ec18d77c9b463c613&node=7:4.1.1.1.10&rgn=div5)
* [Washington Administrative Code 246-790](http://apps.leg.wa.gov/wac/default.aspx?cite=246-790)
* [Washington State WIC Manual: Volume 1, Chapter 2 – Program Compliance](https://www.doh.wa.gov/portals/1/Documents/Pubs/960-367-Volume1Chapter2.pdf)
* [Washington State WIC Manual: Volume 1, Chapter 18 - Certification](https://www.doh.wa.gov/portals/1/Documents/Pubs/960-367-Volume1Chapter18.pdf)

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Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights

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Washington, D.C. 20250-9410;

Fax: (202) 690-7442; or

Email: program.intake@usda.gov

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