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MEMORANDUM

TO: **WIC Authorized Retailers**

FROM: Montana WIC Program

DATE: February 21, 2025

SUBJECT: Updated: Minimum Stocking Requirements

Greetings,

This memo is to inform you that Montana WIC has implemented some changes to the required minimum stocking requirements. This is due to the new food rule that USDA rolled out to better align with the latest Dietary Guidelines for Americans.

Please refer to the APL for current authorized foods at https://dphhs.mt.gov/ecfsd/wic/retailers. The following are the changes to current stocking requirements:

EXCITING NEWS! 16 oz loaves are no longer required to be stocked. Bread:



- o New requirement: 3 loaves of any authorized size and brand.
- Please reach out to your manufacturer and inform them 16 oz loaves are no longer required.

12 fl. oz frozen cans of juice are no longer offered on WIC benefits. Juice:

New requirement: 6 total bottles (64 fl. oz) - 3 bottles at least 2 flavors

New requirement: Must stock 3 different vegetable varieties (used to be 2). Vegetables:

Every participant is now eligible to receive fish. Please make sure to keep a good stock of 5-6 oz cans of either Light Tuna (in water) or Pink Salmon.

Thank you for your continued support of the Montana WIC Program. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Best,

WIC Vendor Team

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