

Massachusetts WIC Nutrition Program

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: Moratorium on New Store Authorizations

Effective June 14, 2016, Massachusetts Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program will impose a moratorium on the authorization of **new** WIC stores that would utilize a non-integrated system for WIC transactions. The non-integrated system accesses the WIC software via a Stand-Beside Point-of-Sale (POS) device to process WIC transactions.

The moratorium is necessary in order for the Massachusetts WIC Program to implement United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) federal requirements related to the operation of WIC electronic benefits transfer (EBT) systems. The moratorium is expected to end on September 30, 2016.

During the moratorium period, Massachusetts WIC will continue to process applications for stores that will utilize an integrated system. In an integrated system the WIC software is part of the electronic cash register system (ECR). The system must be certified by the MA WIC Program, **prior** to an application being submitted.

Stores interested in applying for WIC can fill out the Vendor Application Request Form or call the WIC Vendor Hotline at 1-800-552-5425 to request an application.
<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/docs/dph/wic/vendor-application-request-form.pdf>

Please contact the Massachusetts WIC Vendor Retail Store Hotline at 1-800-552-9425 if you have any questions.