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## WIC VENDOR ACCOMMODATIONS For LOUISIANA WIC Participants

In an effort to meet the needs of Louisiana WIC participants that may have evacuated to Arizona as a result of Hurricane Gustav, Arizona WIC Vendors have been granted permission by the United States Department of Agriculture to accept WIC food instruments **issued from the Louisiana WIC Program**. This will be effective through September 30, 2008.

The Louisiana WIC Program is responsible for the payment of the food instruments accepted by Arizona WIC Vendors. Vendors should deposit the food instruments into their authorized bank accounts for payment; the banking contractor for the Louisiana WIC Program will make payment to Vendors.

Please allow the Louisiana WIC customers to utilize their WIC approved food list (see enclosure). If Vendors are unable to provide the food items in the brand specified on their food list, they may substitute with authorized food items from the Arizona WIC Programs' food list.

Your assistance and patience is needed in this time of readjustment for the evacuated WIC participants.

If you have any concerns or issues while cashing a Louisiana WIC food instrument, please contact any member of the Vendor Management Team at 1 (866) 737-3935.

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