



PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ATTENTION TO ALL FOOD RETAILERS

NOTIFICATION OF AUTHORIZATION PROCESS FOR VENDORS TO PROVIDE WIC AUTHORIZED FOODS TO WIC PARTICIPANTS

By virtue of the powers and authority conferred by the Law No. 81 of Department of Health of March 14, 1912, as amended, and 7 CFR§246.3 (b), the Secretary of the Department of Health of the Government of Puerto Rico and its Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) announces the opening of the process to authorize retailers (vendors). Authorized vendors may accept the Electronic Benefit Transfer Card (EBT) issued to WIC Program participants to redeem supplemental foods, infant formulas, medical foods, fruits and vegetables prescribed according to their medical-nutritional condition.

All interested food retailers may apply subject to compliance with the requirements established by the WIC Program in accordance with federal regulations contained in 7 CFR §246.12 and the vendors cost controls established by Public Law 108-265 of June 30, 2004, as amended.

The application requirements, the orientation schedule will be available through the WIC authorized vendor's web site (WICA) at www.comerciantes.wic.com.pr and in the web site of the WIC Program www.wic.pr.gov on Friday, December 23, 2022.

The application for the Vendor Selection Process will be available starting on Monday, January 23, 2023 in the WIC authorized vendor's web site, (WICA), whose address is: www.comerciantes.wic.com.pr. Applications may only be accepted electronically, submitted through WICA.


The deadline for submitting the application for authorization and the required documents is Tuesday, February 28, 2023.

The dates for the orientations on the Authorized Vendors Selection Process will be:

Date and Time	Virtual Meeting Address
January 17 of 2023 Only Session: 10:00 a.m.	Join on your computer, mobile app or room device App Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 279 513 379 785 Passcode: MJeEzn Web Únete a una reunión de Microsoft Teams mediante un id. Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 279 513 379 785 Passcode: MJeEzn Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options
January 19 of 2023 Only Session: 2:00 p.m.	Join on your computer, mobile app or room device App Click here to join the meeting Meeting ID: 239 644 346 077 Passcode: MHkpET Web Únete a una reunión de Microsoft Teams mediante un id. Microsoft Teams Meeting ID: 239 644 346 077 Passcode: MHkpET Download Teams Join on the web Learn More Meeting options

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San Juan, Puerto Rico, December 21, 2022.



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