Vendor News Flash

Least Expensive Brand (LEB) Frequently Asked Questions

Changes to LEBs in FY21

Question: Do vendors need to send in an LEB Change Request form since brown rice and dried beans will not be an LEB food category in FY21?

Answer: Starting October 1, 2020, brown rice and dried beans will change from LEB to Choose Any Brand. No, vendors do NOT need to send in an LEB Change Request form. The State Office will update vendor records automatically. See the FY21 New WIC Approved Foods Vendor News Flash for a list of sizes and varieties.

LEB Monitoring

Question: When will LEB monitoring resume?

Answer: The tentative start date is October 1, 2020. We will notify vendors of any changes.

LEB Declaration Forms and LEB Change Request Form Scenarios

Question: I need to declare an LEB for the first time? Which form do I use?

Answer: Complete the LEB Declaration Form.

Question: I need to change a declared LEB. Which form do I use?

Answer: Complete the LEB Declaration Change Request Form.

Vendor Management and Operations (VMO) is ready to assist our vendor partners. Should you have any questions regarding this Vendor News Flash, please contact VMO’s Cost Containment Team at WICLEB@hhsc.state.tx.us or 1-800-252-9629.

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