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Vendor News Flash

Urgent Update: WIC Temporary Cash Value Benefits Extended to March 31

The increase of cash value benefits (CVB) has been *extended* for WIC participants through **March 31, 2022**. This means participants can continue to purchase more fruits and vegetables at authorized Texas WIC vendors.

Texas WIC announced in an October 5 [Vendor News Flash](#) that the temporary extension would expire on December 31, 2021. However, in a late-breaking development this week, the federal government once again extended the temporary CVB as part of the Continuing Resolution signed December 2, 2021.

The current temporary CVB levels remain for fruits and vegetables:

- \$24 monthly for children
- \$43 monthly for pregnant and postpartum participants
- \$47 monthly for fully and partially breastfeeding participants
- \$70.50 for mothers breastfeeding multiple children

Benefits for the months of December 2021 through March 2022 have already been issued for many WIC participants, and the increased dollar amount for fruits and vegetables is not included on their WIC cards. Texas WIC is in the process of notifying participants to go back to their clinic to reload their WIC card for future months. Should you get questions from participants, please refer them to their clinic.

All WIC policies relating to approved fruits and vegetables still apply and have not changed.



Texas WIC is ready to assist our vendor partners. For questions regarding this Vendor News Flash, please contact the Vendor Management Unit's Vendor Outreach Branch at WICVendorRelations@hhs.texas.gov or 1-800-252-9629. Find more WIC vendor resources on our [website](#).