



State of Louisiana

Department of Health and Hospitals
Center for Preventive Health

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TO: AUTHORIZED LA WIC VENDORS

FROM: TRICIA GUIDROZ, MA
LA WIC VENDOR MANAGER

RE: HURRICANE IKE

In accordance with information from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), the Louisiana WIC Program has prepared the following statewide emergency provision in anticipation of Texas WIC participants evacuating to Louisiana due to Hurricane Ike:

IF ANY LOUISIANA WIC VENDORS ARE PRESENTED WITH A FOOD INSTRUMENT OR AN EBT CARD ISSUED FROM THE TEXAS WIC PROGRAM, IT SHOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED. THE PROCUREMENT SYSTEM THAT TEXAS USES WILL NOT ALLOW PAYMENT TO ANY ENTITY OUTSIDE OF THEIR SYSTEM.

ANY PERSONS PRESENTING A TEXAS FOOD INSTRUMENT OR AN EBT CARD SHOULD BE INSTRUCTED TO VISIT A LOUISIANA WIC CLINIC FOR EXPEDITED PROCESSING AS AN INCOMING TRANSFER.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please feel free to contact us at (504) 361-6725.

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