

APPENDIX D8.a

**DENIED WIC APPLICANT INFORMATION LETTER FROM STATE AGENCIES -
ENGLISH**

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To: Former WIC Applicant
From: [STATE WIC AGENCY DIRECTOR]

Dear WIC Applicant,

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has contracted with a team of researchers with Capital Consulting Corporation, a company that conducts research in health and human services, and its partners, 2M Research Services and Abt Associates, to conduct a national study of people who applied for WIC but who did not qualify. A researcher from this research team may contact you to invite you to take part in this important study. The [NAME OF STATE WIC AGENCY] has agreed to take part in the study and has given permission to the researchers to contact people who did not qualify for WIC about this study.

Participation in the study is voluntary. If you participate in the study, the research team will keep your information private. No personal information about you or your family will appear in study reports. The research team will combine data collected from other study participants from across the U.S. and they will remove names, addresses, and other identifying information from the data used in analyses. Your responses only will be used for summary tabulations and statements of best practices. Because your answers are kept private, the local WIC agency's decision will not change as a result of your participation in this survey. However, if the researchers discover that the local WIC agency may have made a mistake, or if your circumstances have changed since your WIC application was denied, you may want to apply for WIC benefits again.

The purpose of the study is to better understand how well the WIC application process is working. Staff at the local WIC agency are not conducting this study. If you have any questions about the study, please call the research team toll-free at: 1-866-465-7738 (toll-free).

Sincerely,

[STATE WIC AGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION]

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