# Food Package Implementation Requirements Form

### **Section 1**

This form contains 31 questions and should take approximately 20 minutes to complete.

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Each State agency must complete this Food Package Implementation Requirements Form indicating their anticipated implementation dates of provisions under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages final rule. State agencies should consider State Plan submission and Regional Office approval processes in their timeline. There are twelve (12) sections, of which ten (10) sections you will be asked to provide an estimated date you plan to implement the various requirements. When selecting your estimated implementation dates, please select the 1st of a month, even if the 1st falls on a non-business day. For example: August 1, 2025. You will have an opportunity to update or confirm any dates entered as you solidify your plans. If the State agency has already implemented a provision, they may enter a past date to validate the requirement has been met and is considered complete. At the end of the form, you will have the opportunity to provide any additional information necessary for your Food Package Rule provisions implementation. If your comment is related to a specific question, please note which question in this section.

For additional information regarding required provisions, State agencies should refer to the *Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages* final rule, and for information on implementation refer to WIC Policy Memorandum #2024-5, *Implementing the Provisions of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC): Revisions in the WIC Food Packages Final Rule,* posted to the FNS Public Website and the Policy and Guidance Library on FNS the PartnerWeb Website when completing this form.

## **Section 2**

## Implementation Deadline for Revision in the WIC Food Packages Final Rule Requirements

<u>Cash-Value Voucher/Benefit (CVV/B)</u>: Implement the provision in 7 CFR 246.10(e)(10) and (11), Tables 2 and 3) that increase CVV/B for children to \$24, for pregnant and postpartum participants to \$43, and partially and fully breastfeeding participants to \$47. This provision must be included in the State agency's policy and procedures and approved for implementation as of June 17, 2024, which was 60 days following the release of the final rule.

By October 1, 2024, State agencies must update their policies and MIS to the FY 2025 inflation-adjusted CVV/B amounts, which are \$26, for children, \$47 for pregnant and postpartum participants, and \$52 for partially and fully breastfeeding participants. See WIC Policy Memorandum #2024-7, Fiscal Year 2025 Cash-Value Voucher/Benefit Amounts, posted to the FNS Public Website and the Policy and Guidance Library on FNS the PartnerWeb Website for additional details.

<u>Vitamin D:</u> Implement the provision in Table 4 at 7 CFR 246.10(e)(12) that establishes a minimum vitamin D requirement of 106 IU Vitamin D per 8 ounces of yogurt. For State agencies that authorize yogurt as a milk substitution option, this provision must be implemented by <u>April 19, 2027</u>, which is 36 months following the release of the final rule.

All other provisions in the Revisions in the WIC Food Packages final rule must be implemented by <u>April 20, 2026</u>, which is 24 months following the publication of the final rule.

If the State agency has already implemented a certain provision or food list option, enter the date the implementation was completed, otherwise enter a future estimated date as you complete this form.

### **Section 3**

## **State Agency Contact Information**

1. Select your State agency. Single choice.

Select your answer

Acoma, Canoncito & Laguna (ACL)

Alabama

Alaska

American Samoa

Arizona

Arkansas

Cherokee Nation Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe Chickasaw Nation **Choctaw Nation** Citizen Potawatomi Nation Colorado Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Connecticut Delaware District of Columbia Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians Eastern Shoshone Tribe Eight Northern Indian Pueblos Council Five Sandoval Indian Pueblos Florida Georgia Guam Hawaii Idaho Illinois Indiana Inter-Tribal Council Inc. of Oklahoma Inter-Tribal Council of Arizona Inter-Tribal Council of Nevada Iowa Kansas Kentucky

California

Maine Maryland Massachusetts MHA Three Affiliated Tribes Michigan Minnesota Mississippi Missouri Montana MS Band of Choctaw Indians Muscogee (Creek) Nation Navajo Nation Nebraska Nevada **New Hampshire** New Jersey **New Mexico** New York North Carolina North Dakota Northern Arapaho Tribe Northern Mariana Islands Ohio Oklahoma Omaha Tribe of Nebraska Oregon Osage Nation

Louisiana

Otoe-Missouria Tribe Pennsylvania Pueblo of Isleta Pueblo of San Felipe Pueblo of Zuni Puerto Rico Rhode Island Rosebud Sioux Tribe Santee Sioux Tribe Santo Domingo Tribe South Carolina South Dakota Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Tennessee Texas Utah Ute Mountain Tribe Vermont Virgin Islands Virginia Washington West Virginia Wichita, Caddo & Delaware Tribes (WCD Enterprise, Inc.) Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska Wisconsin Wyoming

2.Please enter your first and last name. Single line text.

Enter your answer

3.Please enter your work email address. Single line text.

Enter your answer

4.Are you updating your previously submitted implementation date(s)? Single choice.

Yes

No

### **Section 4**

## Food Package - Specific Requirements

This section provides a high-level summary of required changes in each food package, as well as some requirements related to State agency options.

5. When does the State agency plan to implement the **Food Package I** requirement? Date.

FP I - infants birth to 5 months of age

<u>Requirement:</u> Increase the full nutrition benefit (FNB) amounts in the 1st month for partially (mostly) breastfed infants up to 364 fl. oz.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

6. When does the State agency plan to implement **Food Package II** requirements? Date.

FP II - infants 6 through 11 months of age Requirements:

- Reduce infant cereal to:
  - o 8 oz for formula fed and partially breastfed infants
  - o 16 oz for fully breastfed infants
- Reduce infant fruits and vegetables to 128 oz for fully breastfed infants
- If the State agency allows CVV/B substitution for the jarred fruits and vegetables;
  - Lower the age of substitution to 6 months;
  - o Allow at least one form in addition to fresh (canned and/or frozen); and,
  - Allow for half (64 oz) or whole substitution value (128 oz) at the current FY amounts
  - Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce infant meat to 40 oz for fully breastfed infants

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

7. When does the State agency plan to implement Food **Package IV-A** requirements? Date.

## FP IV-A - children 12 through 23 months Requirements:

- Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce the maximum monthly allowance (MMA) for juice to **64 fl oz**
- Allow a \$3 CVV/B substitution for the full juice amount
- Reduce the MMA for whole wheat and whole grain bread and other whole grain options to 24 oz
- Authorize legumes and peanut butter as substitutes for eggs
- Add 6 oz canned fish
- Reduce the MMA for milk to 12 qt
- If the State agency allows yogurt as a substitution, issues low fat and whole fat as standard issuance

#### Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## 8. When does the State agency plan to implement **Food Package IV-B** requirements? Date.

FP IV-B - children 2 through 4 years of age Requirements:

- Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce the maximum monthly allowance (MMA) for juice to **64 fl oz**
- Allow a \$3 CVV/B substitution for the full juice amount
- Reduce the MMA for whole wheat and whole grain bread and other whole grain options to 24 oz
- Authorize legumes and peanut butter as substitutes for eggs
- Add **6 oz** canned fish
- Reduce the MMA for milk to 14 qt

#### Please input date (M/d/yyyy)

## 9. When does the State agency plan to implement **Food Package V- A** requirements? Date.

FP V-A - Pregnant Requirements:

- Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce the MMA for juice to **64 fl oz**
- Allow a \$3 CVV/B substitution for the full juice amount
- Increase the MMA for whole wheat and whole grain bread and other whole grain options to **48 oz**
- Authorize legumes and peanut butter as substitutes for eggs
- Add **10 oz** of canned fish
- Reduce the MMA for milk to 16 qt

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## 10. When does the State agency plan to implement **Food Package V-B** requirements? Date.

FP V-B - Partially (Mostly) Breastfeeding (also for participants pregnant with two or more fetuses) Requirements:

- Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce the MMA for juice to **64 fl oz**
- Allow a \$3 CVV/B substitution for the full juice amount
- Increase the MMA for whole wheat and whole grain bread and other whole grain options to 48 oz
- Authorize legumes and peanut butter as substitutes for eggs
- Add **15 oz** of canned fish
- Reduce the MMA for milk to 16 qt

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## 11. When does the State agency plan to implement **Food Package VI** requirements? Date.

FP VI - Postpartum Requirements:

- Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce the MMA for juice to 64 fl oz
- Allow a \$3 CVV/B substitution for the full juice amount
- Increase the MMA for whole wheat and whole grain bread and other whole grain options to 48 oz
- Authorize legumes and peanut butter as substitutes for eggs
- Add **10 oz** of canned fish
- Reduce the MMA for milk to 16 qt

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## 12. When does the State agency plan to implement **Food Package VII** requirements? Date.

FP VII - Fully breastfeeding, also for those who are partially (mostly) breastfeeding multiple infants from the same pregnancy, and pregnant and fully or partially (mostly) breastfeeding singleton infants Requirements:

- Ensure the cash-value voucher/benefit (CVV/B) matches the current FY amounts
- Reduce the MMA for juice to **64 fl oz**
- Allow a \$3 CVV/B substitution for the full juice amount

- Increase the MMA for whole wheat and whole grain bread and other whole grain options to 48 oz
- Authorize legumes and peanut butter as substitutes for eggs
- Reduce MMA for canned fish to **20 oz**
- Reduce the MMA for milk to 16 qt
- Remove cheese as a separate food category

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

### **Section 5**

## Fruits and Vegetables

Food List Change Requirements

The required changes from the 2024 final rule to this food list category are not specific to a particular food package.

13.Select the form(s) of fruits and vegetables the State agency plans to implement in addition to fresh. Multiple choice.

Canned

Frozen

Dried

14. When does the State agency plan to implement the requirement to authorize at least one other form of fruits and vegetables in addition to fresh? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

15. When does the State agency plan to implement the requirement to authorize fresh herbs? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

16. When does the State agency plan to implement the vendor stocking requirement of at least 3 varieties of vegetables? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## **Section 6**

### **Breakfast Cereal**

17. When does the State agency plan to implement the changes to their criteria for whole grains in breakfast cereal? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

18. When does the State agency plan to implement the change to the 75 percent or higher requirement for whole grain cereals? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

19. What percentage of breakfast cereals does the State agency plan to authorize that meet the whole grain criteria? Single choice.

If not applicable, skip to next question.

75-80 percent

81-95 percent

95-100 percent

20. When does the State agency plan to implement the added sugars limit for breakfast cereal? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

### **Section 7**

### Whole Wheat and Whole Grain Bread

21. When does the State agency plan to implement the changes to their criteria for whole grain bread? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## **Section 8**

## Legumes and Peanut Butter

22. When does the State agency plan to authorize canned legumes in addition to dried? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

23.If applicable, when does the State agency plan to implement seed and/or nut-based butters? Date.

Skip if not applicable.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

## **Section 9**

#### Milk

24. When does the State agency plan to implement the authorization of lactose-free milk? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

25. When does the State agency plan to implement authorizing only unflavored milk? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

26. When does the State agency plan to implement the policy change to remove the limitation that no more than a total of 4 qts of milk (for participants in FP IV-VI) or 6 qts of milk (for participants in FP VII) may be substituted for a combination of cheese, yogurt, and tofu? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

27.If yogurt is authorized, when does the State agency plan to implement the added sugars limit? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

28.If yogurt is authorized, when does the State agency plan to implement the vitamin D nutrient specification? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

### **Section 10**

#### Canned Fish

29. When does the State agency plan to remove Jack Mackerel as an authorized canned fish variety? Date.

Please input date (mm/dd/yyyy)

### **Section 11**

## **Additional Comments**

Please use this section to add any additional information necessary for Food Package Rule implementation.

30.Please add any additional information in the box below. Multi Line Text.

Enter your answer

## **Section 12**

## State Agency Updated Implementation Date(s)

31. Which implementation date(s) are you updating? Single choice.

Please select the section of the implementation date you are updating. You will need to use the back button to return to this page to continuing updating additional dates.

Food Package

Fruits and vegetables

Breakfast Cereal

Whole Grain Bread

Legumes and Peanut Butter

Milk

Canned Fish

I'm done with my revisions