

**CABINET FOR HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES**  
**Department for Public Health**  
**Division of Maternal and Child Health**  
**(Amendment)**

**902 KAR 18:011. Definitions for 902 KAR Chapter 18.**

RELATES TO: KRS 194A.050, 194A.505, 241.010, 7 C.F.R. Part 246, 278.6, 21 U.S.C. 802

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: KRS 194A.050, 211.180, 7 C.F.R. Part 246, 42 U.S.C. 1786

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT:

NECESSITY, FUNCTION, AND CONFORMITY: 42 U.S.C. 1786 and 7 C.F.R. Part 246 provide grants for state operation of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). KRS 194A.050(1) authorizes the Cabinet for Health and Family Services to promulgate administrative regulations as necessary to qualify for the receipt of federal funds. KRS 211.180(1)(e) and (f) authorize the cabinet to promulgate administrative regulations for the health of expectant mothers, infants, and preschoolers, and the improvement of health through better nutrition. This administrative regulation establishes definitions for the terms used in 902 KAR Chapter 18.

Section 1. Definitions.

- (1) "Above-50-percent vendor" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (2) "Alcohol" is defined by KRS 241.010(1).
- (3) "Alcoholic beverage" is defined by KRS 241.010(2).
- (4) "Approved product listing" or "APL" means an electronic list or file identifying the food items approved by the state WIC agency for purchase with WIC food instruments by food category and subcategory.
- (5) "Authorized supplemental food" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (6) "Cash value voucher" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (7) "Certifying professional authority" means a person authorized to determine eligibility and certify persons for the WIC program.
- (8) "Class" means food sale classification.
- (9) "Compliance buy" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (10) "Contract price" means the price for a WIC food item negotiated between the state WIC agency and the vendor.
- (11) "Dual participation" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (12) "Electronic Benefit Transfer" (EBT) is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (13) "Electronic WIC benefits" or "eWIC" means a technology that allows WIC participants to obtain food benefits by using a method that permits electronic access at authorized participating WIC vendors.
- (14) "Exempt infant formula" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (15) "FNS" means Food and Nutrition Services.
- (16) "Food instrument" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (17) "Good letter with exceptions" means a written notification letter that:
  - (a) An investigation has been conducted;
  - (b) A violation occurred; and
  - (c) No sanction was applied due to lack of pattern of incidence.
- (18) "High risk vendor" means a vendor having a high probability of noncompliance with KRS Chapter 194A, 42 U.S.C. 1786, 7 C.F.R. Part 246, 7 C.F.R. 278.6, or 902 KAR Chapter 18.

- (19) "Integrated" means a commercial system that fully incorporates eWIC functionality into an existing electronic cash register (ECR) system.
- (20) "Inventory audit" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (21) "Investigation" means a method used by the state WIC agency to detect a WIC program violation.
- (22) "Local agency" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (23) "Low variance" means the redemption of the same type of food item at the same price or within a narrow price range.
- (24) "Not to exceed" or "NTE" means:
- (a) FNS-approved cost containment methodology whereby WIC authorized vendors are subject to price limitations; and
  - (b) the maximum amount that Kentucky will pay for a specific food item identified by its UPC code.
- (25) "Participant" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (26) "Participant violation" means an intentional, knowing act of a participant that violates KRS Chapter 194A, 42 U.S.C. 1786, 7 C.F.R. Part 246, 7 C.F.R. 278.6, or 902 KAR Chapter 18.
- (27) "PIN" means a unique four (4) digit personal identification number designated by the WIC participant.
- (28) "Point of sale" or "POS" means the combination of hardware and software that enables a vendor to accept payment for WIC food transactions.
- (29) "POS device" means a dedicated point of sale terminal that is used for eWIC food transactions.
- (30) "Positive buy" means a compliance buy, onsite review, or online WIC transaction review that provides evidence that a violation of the vendor agreement or KRS Chapter 194A, 42 U.S.C. 1786, 7 C.F.R. Part 246, 7 C.F.R. 278.6, or 902 KAR Chapter 18 has occurred.
- (31) "Price look up" or "PLU" means a four (4) or five (5) digit identifier used to identify individual and bulk produce.
- (32) "Proxy" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (33) "Routine monitoring" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (34) "Rural" means any area not defined as urban.
- (35) "Shelf price" means the price displayed on the food item, shelf, or display case where the food item is available for purchase.
- (36) "SNAP" means the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as the Food Stamp Program.
- (37) "Staple food items" means meat, poultry, fish, bread, breadstuff, cereals, vegetables, fruit, vegetable and fruit juices, and dairy products, excluding items, such as coffee, tea, cocoa, carbonated and uncarbonated beverages, condiments, and spices.
- (38) "State WIC agency" means the Cabinet for Health and Family Services or its designated representative.
- (39) "Systematic review" means a review of electronic WIC transactions by the state WIC agency or its representatives to monitor systematic violations of the program.
- (40) "Trafficking" means the redemption or exchange of WIC food instruments for cash, firearms, ammunition, explosives, or controlled substances as defined by 21 U.S.C. 802(6).
- (41) "Unauthorized food" means foods not authorized by the state or local agency for issuance to a particular participant.
- (42) "Unique customer" means the number of unduplicated WIC households that have one (1) or more transactions at a specific authorized WIC vendor during a specified time period.

- (43) "UPC" or "Universal product code" means a unique barcode consisting of numerical- digits used for tracking inventory in retail stores.
- (44) "Urban" means a metropolitan area as defined by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Bulletin No. 23-01.
- (45) "Vendor" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (46) "Vendor authorization" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (47) "Vendor overcharge" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (48) "Vendor peer group system" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (49) "Vendor violation" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2 .
- (50) "WIC agency" means a local health department or agency contracted with the state to deliver WIC services.
- (51) "WIC benefits" means a voucher, check, Electronic Benefits Transfer card (EBT), coupon, or document that is used by a participant to obtain supplemental foods.
- (52) "WIC-eligible nutritionals" is defined by 7 C.F.R. 246.2.
- (53) "WIC program" or "WIC" means the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children authorized by Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. 1786, and administered pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 1786 and 7 C.F.R. Part 246.
- (54) "Written communication" means a letter or email correspondence that can be retrieved and tracked for timeline compliance.

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**PUBLIC HEARING AND COMMENT PERIOD:** A public hearing on this administrative regulation shall, if requested, be held on April 27, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. using the CHFS Office of Legislative and Regulatory Affairs Zoom meeting room. The Zoom invitation will be emailed to each requestor the week prior to the scheduled hearing. Individuals interested in attending this virtual hearing shall notify this agency in writing by April 20, 2026, five (5) workdays prior to the hearing, of their intent to attend. If no notification of intent to attend the hearing is received by that date, the hearing may be canceled. This hearing is open to the public. Any person who attends virtually will be given an opportunity to comment on the proposed administrative regulation. A transcript of the public hearing will not be made unless a written request for a transcript is made. If you do not wish to be heard at the public hearing, you may submit written comments on this proposed administrative regulation through April 30, 2026. Send written notification of intent to attend the public hearing or written comments on the proposed administrative regulation to the contact person. Pursuant to KRS 13A.280(8), copies of the statement of consideration and, if applicable, the amended after comments version of the administrative regulation shall be made available upon request.

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