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Hi Everyone,

We have quite a few items to share this week, so let us know if you have questions.

Have a great weekend,

Kathleen

- **IT Project Assistant**—Terry Hoskinson has been hired as the WIC Project Assistant and started work on May 1, 2010. She'll provide a wide range of professional support services and tasks required to accomplish the transfer of the new SPIRIT system, under the supervision of the Project Manager, Pat Nault. Terry came to WIC from the Department of Education where she most recently worked with the Migrant Education Program. Before working for state government, Terry and her husband ran a video equipment sales and service business in Juneau, her residence since 1973. She looks forward to meeting and working with the staff at the local agencies as they plan and implement the new information system. Welcome Terry!
- **Vendor Monitoring**—Vendor compliance packets were sent to local agencies this week. The instructions and forms are also attached and will be posted on the website.
- **New MICR Cartridge Specs**—Here are the specifications on the new WIC-approved MICR printer toner cartridges: Source Technology Cartridge 10K Page Yield MICR Toner for 9620 MICR PR (A2461711) www.dell.com or Phone: 1-800-576-6038
- **Revised WIC Applications**—attached are a few more cosmetic changes to WIC applications.
- **FY 11 BFPC Proposals**-- the due date to submit Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program proposals is May 28th. Please send these to Dana Kent.
- **New WIC Stocking Request Form**--WIC Coordinators will use this form (see attached) to notify vendors that were granted exemptions that they are now required to stock items to meet client needs within ten days. The coordinator simply completes the vendor information at the top of the form, checks the items and quantities required, signs the bottom of the form, and sends it to the vendor. Additionally a copy of the form should be sent to the State WIC Office and coordinators should keep a copy for their records. Vendors are responsible for notifying the local agency within 48 hours if the item is not available due to unforeseen circumstances. In this case coordinators may work with the State WIC Office to place the client on the mail-out system.
- **FMNP Coupons** -- Local Agency Coordinators may begin printing Farmers' Market Coupons for participants born before October 1, 2009. Farmers' Market Coupons and WIC Fruit & Vegetable Vouchers (FVVs) may only be accepted during the market season from June 1 – October 31,

2010. Prior to June 1st and after October 31st clients must redeem their FVVs at regular WIC vendors as the farmers will not be authorized to accept them. Information about FMNP and FVV training will follow next week. [Please contact Alice Albrecht 465-8630 if you have questions.](#)

- Medicaid Policy—Just a reminder that on April 1, 2009, Medicaid rules were changed to allow 12 months of continuous eligibility to children under age 19.
- Food Package Problem-- Please send feedback to Dana Kent regarding your thoughts on Food Package 4200 (Lactose reduced milk, with 1# cheese for children 1-2 years). Currently there is no manufacturer supplying 1 qt size whole lactose reduced milk in Alaska. We will work to find a manufacturer that will accommodate this need. But there has been concern raised over the situation when the store doesn't have the qt. and clients are looking for them.

Would you prefer that we:

- deactivate the 4200 food package so no cheese can be prescribed to children 1-2 of age or
- educate your clients that it is their choice to choose this package knowing they will be short one qt of milk (with the hopes we can find a manufacturer to supply it in the future)

Nice To Know:



Mouth Power—see attached flyer

The White House Task Force on Childhood Obesity has just released its report on ending childhood obesity in a generation which can be found at http://www.letsmove.gov/tfco_fullreport_may2010.pdf.

The report contains 70 specific recommendations, 4 of which relate to breastfeeding support. There is a significant section on breastfeeding as an obesity preventive measure.

Recommendation 1.3: Hospitals and health care providers should use maternity care practices that empower new mothers to breastfeed, such as the Baby-Friendly hospital standards.

Recommendation 1.4: Health care providers and insurance companies should provide information to pregnant women and new mothers on breastfeeding, including the availability of educational classes, and connect pregnant women and new mothers to breastfeeding support programs to help them make an informed infant feeding decision.

Recommendation 1.5: Local health departments and community-based organizations, working with health care providers, insurance companies, and others should develop peer support programs that empower pregnant women and mothers to get the help and support they need from other mothers who have breastfed.

Recommendation 1.6: Early childhood settings should support breastfeeding

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Thanks!

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