

Hello, All.

Here's the Friday Update for the week of July 23rd:

Clarification from the Western Region on what sanctions are applicable for participants who "attempt to sell" WIC foods:

The Office of General Council (OGC) has confirmed that in order for a State agency to establish a claim for the value of WIC foods that are sold, an actual sale has to take place. However, the State agency also has the option to include offering to sell WIC foods in its list of participant violations, for which a State agency sanction may then be imposed. So if a participant tries to sell her WIC foods but gets no takers could be disqualified for 90 days, if that's what the State agency's duly approved and implemented participant sanction schedule allows, but she can't be assessed for the value of those foods (i.e., the State agency can't establish a monetary claim for either the value of the foods she was trying to sell, or the price she was asking, if that's a different number).

The participant who does successfully sell her WIC foods, however, can be both disqualified and required to make restitution to the State agency for the full value of the food items that are sold, per Section 246.23(c) of the WIC Program regulations. In addition, the next paragraph in that Section (246.23(d)) addresses fines, penalties, and possible imprisonment that may also be appropriate in such instances.

We are including similar language for the P&P. Meanwhile, if you believe you have participants who commits any of the violations described above and have questions on how to proceed, please call me at 465-8629.

SNAP-ED Assessment: Betsy Nobman has been awarded a contract to conduct needs assessment for this project.

Policy and Procedures Development for SPIRIT: Simple Nutrition Decisions (Fatima Hoger) was awarded the contract for this project.

HELP DESK Training

The State of Alaska Help Desk has launched a new Self Service web site to help you create new service tickets, view updates and completed service tickets, and initiate tickets on behalf of other people. The link below will take you to the training video to provide you with what you need to utilize this service. Additionally you will still be able to initiate and follow up on Help Desk requests **the same way you always have**.

To get started on training go to the link below on your State computer. You will need to use the same log in that you use on your AKWIC computer to access AKWIC.

<https://extranet.dhss.alaska.gov/its/train/SitePages/Home.aspx>

Click on the RED colored font to log in.

Sign In - Windows Internet Explorer

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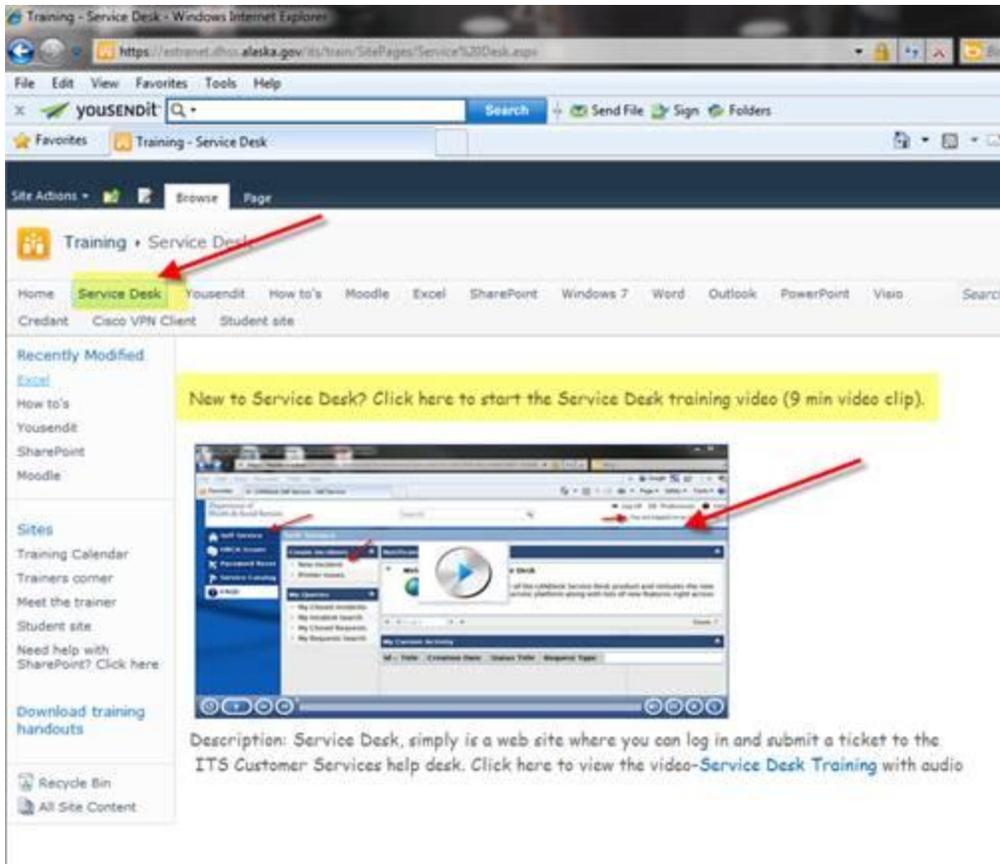
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At the top of the screen, go to : Service Desk.
Service Desk Training is what you will need to get started. Select this link and the training video is available.



You may view other trainings as well if you like.

If you have any questions please contact Dana Kent after August 17.

Formula Package Update: As you know, we will be switching our soy brand formula in October. Food packages have been developed for Enfamil ProSobee in AKWIC for pick up and MOV clients. Kudos to Dana who completed the huge, extremely tedious tasks of updating the food packages and creating the cheat sheet for your use!

Please see the attached cheat sheets for the new package numbers.

You may start printing October FI starting in August. Bart has replicated out the food package to your agencies already. In the food package viewer you should look for "Enfamil ProSobee" to assign the food package you desire.

In August you print:	In September you print:	In October you print:
August voucher for Isomil	September voucher for Isomil	October voucher for ProSobee
September voucher for Isomil	October voucher for ProSobee	November voucher for ProSobee
October voucher for ProSobee	November voucher for ProSobee	December voucher for ProSobee

GOOD NEWS!!!

Bart is working on a method in AKWIC to automatically convert FI(already prescribed) starting in October forward to ProSobee. There will be more information available on this shortly.

Problems, questions? Dana will be out of town until August 16th. Please email Dana your concern and put in the email subject line PROSOBEE FOOD PACKAGE ISSUE or QUESTION. If it is an issue that cannot wait that length of time, contact Becky Carrillo at 465-8629 or becky.carrillo@alaska.gov for more immediate help.

Lactose-free milk: We just got an update on the lactose free UHT milk from Fred Meyer – the LAs are not prescribing very much of it. We committed to purchasing \$24,000 worth of it and donating it to a food bank if it is not provided to WIC participants through the MOV. The milk will be close enough to expiration date around the first of the year that we will have to start looking at donating it about then.

Vendor staff participated in the first round of UAT training in Anchorage the last three weeks, completed compliance monitoring of WIC and FMNP vendors, working on the revisions to the vendor manual, and activities related to the renewal or extension of the MOV contract, peer group analysis, and the banking services contract. Sandy participated in the review of applications for the “WIC EBT Technical Standardization Study.”

Sorry this update is very long. Have a great weekend!

Becky