

PROPOSED RULEMAKING

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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Retail Store Management and Administration Appeals for WIC; Review of Regulations

Under the Governor's Executive Order 1996-1, the Department of Health (Department) is conducting a review of regulations governing retail store management and administrative appeals for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program). The regulations under review may be found at 28 Pa. Code Part VIII, Chapters 1101, 1103, 1105, 1107, 1109, 1111 and 1113 (29 Pa.B. 3841 (July 24, 1999)).

All regulations will be reviewed, however, certain changes are mandated as a result of changes to Federal regulations governing the WIC Program. The final Federal rules were published in the *Federal Register* on March 17, 1999, and are to be implemented by states operating WIC Programs no later than May 2000. Additionally, the United States Department of Agriculture has published proposed changes to the Federal regulations in the June 16, 1999, *Federal Register*. Copies of the State regulations which include the mandatory changes to be effective May 2000, final rules for the Federal regulations and proposed changes to the Federal regulations may be obtained by calling Wendy Noel at (717) 783-1289. Copies of the State regulations which include the mandatory changes to be effective May 2000, may also be accessed

through the Department of Health web site at www.health.state.pa.us.

The Department is seeking public comment on the State regulations. The Department will hold a public meeting on Thursday, September 23, 1999, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the Rachel Carson State Office Building Auditorium located at 400 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit public comment on the State regulations.

Persons wishing to give testimony at the public meeting are requested to preregister with the State WIC Program office by calling (717) 783-1289. Those unable to attend the meeting, but wishing to express their views, may submit written comments to the Department. To be considered, written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. September 23, 1999. Written comments may be directed to: Department of Health, Division of Women, Infants and Children (WIC), Attention: Retail Store Management Unit, P. O. Box 90, Harrisburg, PA 17108.

Persons who require reasonable accommodations in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, should contact Wendy Noel at (717) 783-1289 for assistance. V/TT: (717) 783-6514 for speech and/or hearing impaired persons or the Pennsylvania AT&T Relay Services at (800) 654-5984 [TT].

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