

## 2% Gallon Milk added to Food Packages

### Effective March 24, 2020

- The ITCA WIC Program is adding 2% gallon milk to food packages that currently contain low-fat or nonfat gallon milk starting **March 24, 2020**.
- Adding 2% gallon milk to food packages allows ITCA WIC clients to purchase 2% gallon milk, in addition to low-fat or nonfat milk in the gallon size.
- This change is being made to provide ITCA WIC clients with an alternative option in the grocery store as we are experiencing limited availability of low-fat and nonfat milk in the gallon size.
- Food packages will go back to only allowing low-fat or nonfat milk at a later unknown date. ITCA will keep all authorized vendors informed about changes that are implemented to accommodate WIC clients during the COVID19 pandemic.

### What Do I Need To Do?

- Vendors are required to download the ITCA WIC Authorized Product List (APL) on a daily basis to ensure the Point of Sale (POS) system is using the latest APL.
- If you are unable to order and stock low-fat and nonfat milk in the gallon size, order 2% milk in the gallon size as an alternative.
- 2% milk is not currently required in the minimum stocking requirements, however it is encouraged to order and stock 2% milk in the gallon size to accommodate for limited availability of low-fat and nonfat milk.

### How Do I Know If My POS is Using the Updated APL?

- Work with your POS provider to ensure an APL download is occurring at least every 24 hours.
- Clients will start receiving 2% gallon milk benefits starting **March 24, 2020**. If an outdated APL is being used by the POS after this date, clients will be unable to purchase the 2% gallon milk.

### Thank You!

The ITCA WIC Program would like to thank all Vendors for your continued hard work during this national crisis. We understand the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has put on our communities, especially for retailers who are doing their best to ensure that food and supplies are available.

If you have any questions regarding this WIC Alert or need technical assistance, please contact Mallory Phelps, ITCA WIC Vendor Manager at (602) 307-1511.