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Greeting Honorable Tribal Leaders and Tribal Partners,

**SUBJECT: Informative – WIC Program Vendor and Participant Compliance Rulemaking**

In accordance with [Chapter 43.376 RCW](#), the [Washington State Centennial Accord of 1989](#), and [DOH Consultation and Collaboration Procedure](#), we invite collaboration on the Washington State Department of Health Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

The department administers the WIC program which provides healthy foods, nutrition education, and referrals to health and other social services. Participants can use their benefits at WIC authorized vendors. The WIC program is considering making changes to [Chapter 246-790 WAC](#) to increase flexibility in allowed vendor types and to update program requirements. The program is also considering changes to the Participant Compliance section to reflect virtual service options.

We will provide a presentation for **WIC Program Vendor and Participant Compliance Rulemaking** during the DOH updates at Monthly Tribal Meeting (MTM), on [Wednesday November 8, 2023](#), hosted by DOH, the Health Care Authority, Health Benefit Exchange, and the American Indian Health Commission.

Please direct your written comments or requests for additional information to Senior Policy Analyst Karen Mullen at [karen.mullen@doh.wa.gov](mailto:karen.mullen@doh.wa.gov) or 360- 515-8279. For tribal related matters, please contact Tribal Policy Director Candice Wilson at [candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov](mailto:candice.wilson@doh.wa.gov) or 360-819-7626.

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