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**COMMONWEALTH OF PUERTO RICO  
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

## **PUERTO RICO SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN AUTHORIZED VENDOR REGULATION**

By virtue of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1786, as amended; the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR § 246, et seq.; the Organic Law of the Department of Health, Law No. 81 of May 14, 1912, 3 L.P.R.A. §171, et seq.; and the Administrative Procedure Act, Law No. 170, of August 12, 1988, 3 L.P.R.A. §2101, et seq., as amended; the Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Health is empowered to establish the public policy, regulations, and procedures that will govern the administration of the Puerto Rico WIC Program. The Secretary of Health informs of her intent to repeal the Regulation No. 7927 of the Secretary of Health, filed in the Department of State on October 5, 2010, and enact new Authorized Vendor Regulation with the purpose of establishing the applicable eligibility requirements for becoming an authorized vendor, the criteria, duties and obligations of authorized vendors; cost containment measures; the procedures required for WIC transactions; investigation and monitoring measures; violations; and the sanction schedule, among others.

The public is formally invited to present any comments or suggestions in writing within thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice. Comments can be mailed to:

**Department of Health  
Puerto Rico WIC Program  
P.O. Box 25220  
San Juan, P.R. 00925-5220**

To submit comments personally and/or to request a copy of the new regulations, visit the Legal Advisors Office of the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center complex, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Comments and recommendations may also be submitted through e-mail: [jmrivera@salud.pr.gov](mailto:jmrivera@salud.pr.gov). The proposed amendment will also be available at the Department's web page: <http://www.salud.gov.pr>.

Public hearings will be held on October 25, 26 and 27, 2016, starting at 9:30 a.m., in Room Arbona, located in the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center complex, Río Piedras, Puerto Rico.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, September 25, 2016.

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SECRETARY OF HEALTH**

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