## WHAT'S IN THE WIC FOOD PACKAGE?

## **FACTS ABOUT THE WIC FOOD PACKAGE:**

- There are 7 different WIC food packages, and WIC adapts them to meet needs of clients.
- The food package is based on the quantity of the product, so if the product is in your package, it can be purchased regardless of price.
- Additionally, there are dollars (known as the Cash Value Benefit) that can be spent on your choice of fruits and vegetables in the grocery store.
- Remember, not every product is for every participant!

The Special **Supplemental Nutrition Program** for Women, Infants, and **Children (WIC)** provides nutritious foods that are tailored to YOU!

|  | Fruits & Vegetables   | Dairy   | Grains  | Protiens   |
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| Infants<br>(Birth to 11<br>months)   | Fruits and<br>vegetables (jarred<br>infant food or Cash<br>Value Benefit) | Formula (only provided for<br>children that are partially or<br>not at all breastfed)             | Infant cereal   | Baby food meat (only for fully breastfed infants)  |
| Children<br>(1 to 4 years)   | Juice, \$26 for fruits<br>and vegetables                                  | Milk (cow's milk, lactose-<br>free, or plant-based such as<br>soy) tofu, yogurt, cheese,<br>etc.  | Cereal, whole grains (whole wheat<br>breads and pastas, whole grain rice,<br>oatmeal, and more) | Eggs, canned fish, dry legumes or<br>canned legumes, peanut butter (or<br>other nut and seed butter) |
| Pregnant &<br>partially<br>breastfeeding or<br>fully breastfeeding<br>(benefits for up to<br>one year) | Juice, \$47-\$52 for<br>fruits and<br>vegetables                          | Milk (cow's milk, lactose-<br>free, or plant-based such as<br>soy), tofu, yogurt, cheese,<br>etc. | Cereal, whole grains (whole wheat<br>breads and pastas, whole grain rice,<br>oatmeal, and more) | Eggs, canned fish, dry legumes or<br>canned legumes, peanut butter (or<br>other nut and seed butter) |
| Postpartum, not<br>breastfeeding<br>(benefits for up to<br>6 months)                                   | Juice, \$47 for fruits<br>and vegetables                                  | Milk (cow's milk, lactose-<br>free, or plant-based such as<br>soy), tofu, yogurt, cheese,<br>etc. | Cereal, whole grains (whole wheat<br>breads and pastas, whole grain rice,<br>oatmeal, and more) | Eggs, canned fish, dry legumes or canned legumes, peanut butter (or other nut and seed butter)       |

Talk to your local WIC clinic to know exactly what products would be included in your food package! See <u>USDA's website</u> for more information about the different food packages.

