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## Changes to WIC approved foods – Least Expensive brands

Rhode Island WIC Program is making some changes to the WIC approved foods. Due to budget sequestration and cost containment requirements in provisions § 246.12(g) (4), Rhode Island WIC Program has decided to add another high cost item to “least expensive only” category.

**Yogurt will be changed from “Any Brand” to “Least Expensive or Store Brand only” category, effective July 1, 2017.**

There will be NO change to the remaining items that were already in “least expensive only” category. Following is the list of all items in the “least expensive only” category:

- Milk
- Eggs
- Canned Fish
- Deli Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Beans (Dry and Canned)
- Brown rice
- Yogurt

Due to three-month issuance of WIC benefits to the participants, there will be transition period (three months), where WIC participants would be able to use their benefits under the previous rule. WIC approved vendors are required to honor these benefits. Retail stores will be provided with a poster to display in the stores to inform the WIC participants of these changes.

If there are any questions, contact RI state office at these numbers (401)-222-4633, 222-4630, 222-4637 or email us: [wicvendorsupport@health.ri.gov](mailto:wicvendorsupport@health.ri.gov)

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