

Maternal and Child Health

State Register Document No. 4671, Proposed Amendment of R.61-94, WIC Vendors

Synopsis:

The Department of Health and Environmental Control (“Department” or “DHEC”) proposes amending Regulation 61-94, WIC Vendors. These amendments will incorporate provisions included in the Child Nutrition and WIC Reauthorization Act of 2004 (P.L.108-265) and the final rule published by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) in 2014 that revised the WIC food packages. The final rule also contained WIC vendor provisions and amendments to ensure adequate and appropriate monitoring of the Program’s food delivery system. Stylistic changes to the regulation are also proposed.

Legislative review will be required.

Status:

The Department initiated the statutory process to amend R.61-94 by publication of a Notice of Drafting in the S.C State Register on July 22, 2016; the drafting comment period closed August 22, 2016. On September 8, 2016 the DHEC Board approved staff’s request to publicly notice the proposed regulations. A Notice of Proposed Regulation with notice of opportunity for public comment was published as Document No. 4671 in the State Register on September 23, 2016. After public hearing on November 10, 2016, the DHEC Board found for the need and reasonableness of the proposed regulations for submission to the state legislature for review. The regulations of Document 4671 for legislative review can be viewed on the S.C. Legislature Online website at <http://www.scstatehouse.gov/regs/4671.docx>. For additional information, contact Berry Kelly, Director, Division of WIC Services, South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201; by facsimile at (803) 898-0743; or by e-mail at kellybb@dhec.sc.gov.