

## Food Price Reporting List

- I. The **Utah Food Price Reporting List** is used to obtain food item prices directly from the vendor. A Utah Food Price Reporting List is required for routine monitoring, periodic designated reviews or follow-up, initial evaluations, compliance reviews, and as requested by the State Agency.
  - a. Prices are obtained in order to verify/update the vendor peer group food price list, which is the database for the food instrument total maximum allowable reimbursement calculations. Price information is used to generate post-hoc comparison data.
- II. Prices for supplemental foods are submitted by the vendor on a semi-annual basis.
- III. Prices for supplemental foods are either collected by the vendor manually or can be input through an internet based data price collection system.
- IV. Maximum allowable reimbursement levels (MARL) for each WIC food item are calculated based on three standard deviations above the average cost for the food item as compared to other authorized vendors in the same peer group.
- V. When calculation of the maximum allowable reimbursement level on a specific food item yields a maximum price that is less than ten percent above the average peer group price, State Agency staff may increase the maximum allowable price to a reasonable level.
  - a. This adjustment most frequently is made when there are very few vendors of different chains within the peer group that report a price for the item and/or the price variation on the specific item within the peer group is very low.