

## Violations and Sanctions

It is often difficult to determine if participant violations are deliberate or due to lack of knowledge/awareness of program policies therefore the first action usually taken will be a warning stage. In cases where it is clear from the outset that the participant's actions were deliberate staff may need to go directly to the 1<sup>st</sup> Offense sanction. The Department must be contacted prior to notifying a participant of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> offense sanctions.

<b>Sale of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card/Food Benefits (or exchange for other items of value)</b>		
<b>Warning Stage</b> - Education & Written Warning by local agency	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> - 3 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> - 12 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment
<b>Sale of WIC Foods</b>		
<b>Warning Stage</b> - Education & Written Warning by local agency	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> - 3 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> - 12 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment
<b>Alteration of Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card/Food Benefits</b>		
<b>Warning Stage</b> - Education & Written Warning by local agency	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> - 3 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> - 12 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment
<b>Deliberately Making A False Or Misleading Statement Or Intentionally Misrepresenting, Concealing Or Withholding Facts</b>		
<b>Warning Stage</b> - Education & Written Warning by local agency	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> - 3 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> - 12 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment
<b>Derogatory Or Verbally Abusive Action In Relation With Local Agency Or WIC Food Vendor</b>		
<b>Warning Stage</b> - Education & Written Warning by local agency	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Offense:</b> - 3 Month Suspension for person violating policy - Request by Department for repayment	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Offense:</b> - 12 Month Suspension for adult - Request by Department for repayment
<b>Theft or Use of Stolen Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Card/Food Benefits</b>		
<b>Any Offense:</b> Referral to local law enforcement by local agency staff.		
<b>Physically Abusive Towards Local Agency Staff Or WIC Food Vendor</b>		
<b>Any Offense:</b> Referral to local law enforcement by local agency staff or WIC Food Vendor.		
<b>Dual Participation</b>		
<b>Any Offense:</b> Immediate removal from one program.		