

## PUBLIC REGULATION AND HEARING NOTICE

### TO REPEAL THE REGULATION NO. 8896 AND TO ADOPT THE "AUTHORIZED VENDOR REGULATION" SPECIAL PROGRAM OF SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) OF PUERTO RICO

By virtue of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, 42 U.S.C. § 1786, as amended; the federal regulations contained in 7 CFR § 246, et. seq.; the Organic Law of the Department of Health, Law No. 81 of May 14, 1912, 3 L.P.R.A. §171, et. seq., as amended; and the Uniform Administrative Procedure Act of the Government of Puerto Rico, Law No. 38-2017, 3 L.P.R.A. §2101, et. seq., as amended; the Secretary of the Puerto Rico Department of Health intends to adopt the Authorized Vendor Regulation. The proposed regulation is intended to establish the eligibility requirements to become an authorized vendor, the duties and obligations of authorized vendors; cost and control measures; the procedures required for WIC Program transactions; investigation and monitoring; violations; and the sanctions, among others. Furthermore, the Secretary of Health informs of his intent to repeal the Regulation No. 8896, as registered in the Department of State.

**A public hearing for the proposed regulation will be held on August 16 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 pm.**, at the Department of Health, Guillermo Arbona Conference Room, located at Building A of the Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center complex, Río Piedras.

The public is formally invited to present any comments or suggestions within thirty (30) days from the publication of this notice. Comments can be mailed and/or submitted through e-mail to the following addresses:

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To submit comments personally and/or to request a copy of the proposed regulation, and/or the Flexibility Analysis, visit the Legal Advisors Office of the Department of Health, Building A, Old Psychiatric Hospital, Medical Center complex, Río Piedras, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., and 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The proposed regulation will also be available at the Department of Health's web page: <http://www.salud.gov.pr>. For additional information, please contact Ghivana Lugo, Esq. at (787) 765-2929, ext. 3415.



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