10A NCAC 43D .0501 is proposed for amendment as follows:

SECTION .0500 – WIC PROGRAM FOOD PACKAGE

10A NCAC 43D .0501 SUPPLEMENTAL FOODS

(a) The foods which may be provided to WIC program participants are specified in 7 C.F.R. 246.10, which is incorporated by reference including any subsequent amendments and editions. This material is available for inspection at the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Public Health, 5601 Six Forks Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609 and may be obtained from Nutrition Services at no cost.

(b) The following exclusions from the food package have been adopted by the North Carolina WIC program and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, Food and Nutrition Service:

1. shredded, diced, grated and organic cheese;
2. eggs other than white, fresh, grade A large;
3. mackerel and sardines;
4. organic foods other than fruits and vegetables obtained with cash-value vouchers;
5. goat milk; and
6. dried fruits and vegetables.

(c) The state agency may exclude foods other than those described in Paragraph (b) of this Rule if it determines such foods to be inappropriate for provision as supplemental foods through the WIC program as a result of their cost, nutritional composition, packaging, statewide availability, participant acceptance, or promotion in a manner which is contrary to the purpose of the program as contained in 7 C.F.R. 246.1.