Procedures used for assessing vendor applications for participant access:

Once an application for vendor authorization has been reviewed and it has been determined that the application should be denied because the vendor applicant has not complied with all requirements, then a form will be completed to assess participant access based on the criteria listed above in V. A. 1. If participant access is not compromised, the State Agency will proceed with denial of the vendor application. If the store is needed to ensure adequate participant access, the State Agency will approve the application for vendor authorization if the following selection criteria are met:

- Compliance with Minimum Inventory Requirements
- Compliance with Competitive Price (CPSC) Criteria
- Compliance with Incentive Items Policy
- The Vendor Applicant is EBT Capable

The State Agency will work with vendor applicants that do not meet CPSC criteria to negotiate the best possible prices for supplemental foods.

The following selection criteria may be waived to ensure participant access:

- Current SNAP Disqualification/CMP for Hardship
- Business Integrity
- All State Agency Criteria