- WAC 246-790-061 Contract procedure. (1) To become an authorized vendor and receive a contract, a retail business must apply to the department as provided under WAC 246-790-075.
- (2) The department shall make available to the applicant copies of the contract and all applicable regulations, policies, and guidelines current at the time of application.
- (3) The department will consider an application only if the applicant complies with WAC 246-790-075 and 246-790-077.
- (4) If the applicant meets the qualifications or the department has determined that including the applicant's store in the program is necessary to assure participant access, the department may offer a contract to the applicant. An applicant that has an application declined may appeal the department's decision as provided in WAC 246-790-125.
- (5) The authorized vendor will be assigned to the department's vendor peer group system as appropriate. The peer group assignment establishes the vendor's maximum allowable reimbursement level.
- (6) If authorized, the applicant will become an authorized vendor for the term of the contract, provided the authorized vendor continues to comply with requirements in WAC 246-790-086.
- (7) Vendors can request an administrative appeal for certain adverse actions by the department in connection with the contract as specified in the contract and provided in WAC 246-790-125.
- (8) The department may temporarily suspend acceptance of applications when in the best interest of program administration.

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