



Health & Safety Alert

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Reward Cards



The purpose of this alert is to notify all providers and county boards about the practice of employees using their own personal reward cards when purchasing groceries and other items for individuals resulting in discounted gas or other items for the employee. Employees should avoid using their personal rewards card when they would gain a personal benefit, such as a discount on gas, food items, etc.

It is likely that many have not thought much about this one way or the other, but it is important to address the issue to prevent employees from getting into questionable situations. We do not see this as criminal activity or an MUI, but more an inappropriate practice by employees. Individuals may wish to have their own reward cards and this should be initiated in cases where it is appropriate for the individual.

It is important that individuals have the opportunity to choose where they want to shop and make these choices independently.

This alert has been issued in an effort to promote awareness of this situation and avoid any future negative outcomes related to this issue.

For questions or comments regarding the above Alert, please contact the MUI/Registry Unit at (614) 995-3810.

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