



Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion

Friday Facts

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Policy

From the WIC Program Goals Manual — 140.10 Action Plan 1. Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Planning

By September 30, 2012 Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) Planning activities conducted by the EBT Planning Contractor will be completed which includes a feasibility study, EBT Implementation Advanced Planning Document (IAPD), and an Implementation Contractor Request for Proposal (RFP). The IAPD and an Implementation Contractor RFP will be submitted to the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) by the state office.

The Iowa WIC Program plans to move from the paper-based food delivery system to an EBT system. Planning activities conducted by the EBT Planning Contractor will help determine the feasibility of EBT in Iowa which will include looking at the readiness and impact of EBT for vendors, the State office, and local WIC offices.

Vendor Updates

Cash Value Vouchers

Please remember that participants may use more than one cash value voucher (CVV) at one time when making fruit and vegetable purchases. For example, if a participant has two \$6.00 CVVs and has \$14.00 worth of fruits and vegetables when checking out, the two \$6.00 CVVs may be used and then the participant would have to pay the \$2.00 difference. If participants are using more than one CVV, they are encouraged to use as close to the full amount as possible. Please make sure to educate participants about this when providing information about the CVVs.

EBT Update

Delivering WIC Food Benefits via EBT

The National WIC Association has a position paper from February 2011 titled “Delivering WIC Food Benefits via Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT)”. This paper consists of a lot of good information about EBT. The following link will take you to this document.

<http://www.paramountcommunication.com/nwica/DeliveringWICFoodBenefitsviaEBT.pdf>

Don't forget...



Reasonable proof and documentation of current address is required for applicants at the initial and subsequent certification appointments. Proof of address must be implemented in a manner that does not constitute a barrier to participation, particularly to applicants who are mobile such as a homeless person, military personnel, or migrants. If the applicant has proof but did not bring it to the appointment, select “Verbal report” as the proof provided. The participant should then bring proof of address to their next appointment. What is your agency policy?

Dates to Remember

2012

- March 29-30, 2012 – Maternal and Breastfeeding Nutrition Core Workshops
- August 21, 2012 – WIC Contractor’s Meeting
- August 29-30, 2012 – Infant and Child Nutrition Core Workshops
- October 26, 2012 – 2012 Iowa WIC Training
- October 30, 2012 – Communication and Rapport Building Core Workshop

Available Formula

| Product | Quantity | Expiration Date | Agency | Contact |
|-------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Similac PM 60/40 | 3 cans | 10/2012 | Johnson County Public Health | Chuck Dufano @ 319-356-6042 |
| EleCare Unflavored Formula | 30 cans - 14.1 oz Powder 4 cans 1 can 4 cans 2 cans 5 cans 1 can 7 cans 6 cans | 11/2012 12/2012 2/2013 6/2013 8/2013 9/2013 10/2013 11/2013 | North Iowa Community Action Organization | Carla Miller @ 641-423-5044 ext.24 |