

Implementation of X9.93-2:2008 (v4)

Currently, all grocers and Smart WIC EBT Authorities use and adhere to file formats defined in X9.93-2:2002 (v2). The files specified include store-generated transaction claim files, authority-generated settlement files, approved products file and hot card files. At the request of larger national and regional grocers, X9.93-2:2008 (v4) was developed and released by the X9 in 2008.

- Enhancements with v4
 - Allows a third party to gather claim files from individual retailers, or a corporate office to gather claim files from their individual outlets, and submit in a single submission file.
 - Acknowledgement of valid file submission is made available soon after the submission is received and validated.
 - Texas to allow for alternate compression methods and allow for more transaction errors before entire claim is rejected.
- Current status of development efforts from each authority
 - Texas - Joe
 - New Mexico
 - Wyoming
 - Tribal Authorities
 - Survey results from agenda email indicated that no significant development efforts have been made for v4 by developers and grocers
- Moving forward and considerations
 - FNS expectation is that everyone must accommodate V4 at some point (date to be determined)
 - Texas to release Grocer Considerations Document in 90-120 days
 - Partnership with developer(s) and grocer(s) for testing

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Overview:

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Notes:

1. Duane walked through his presentation (see attached).
2. Each state provided an update on their v4 development:
 - a. Texas has a system that will allow us to proceed as defined in the Enhancements with v4 section of Duane's notes. Anticipated implementation schedule unknown.
 - b. New Mexico began their development couple of years ago. They have not implemented the code into their system. They do plan to work with TX to code consistently.
 - c. Wyoming – Do not currently require grocers to wait 24hr period to process a claim. Claims are processed as they are received. Have folders but have not coded.
 - d. Cherokee and Isletta – will partner with NM.
3. Discussed vendor willingness to work on v4. Majority of vendors indicated they are waiting on specifications to be released.
4. Discussed FNS' expectation of everyone eventually moving to v4.
5. Discussed ability of v2 and v4 being able to coexist.
6. Discussed peak traffic time affecting turnaround times.

Summary:

1. Anticipate offline states moving to v4 (timeline unknown).
2. The five (5) Smart WIC EBT Authorities plan to work together to be as consistent as possible.
3. Anticipate a ready date for the Texas specifications of 60-90 days from February 24, 2010.
4. A copy of the Texas specifications will be provided to developers that request the information.
5. Anticipate development and then testing.