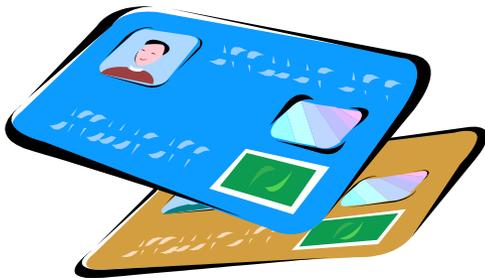


Smart WIC EBT Enhancements Meeting

February 24-25, 2010

Dallas, Texas

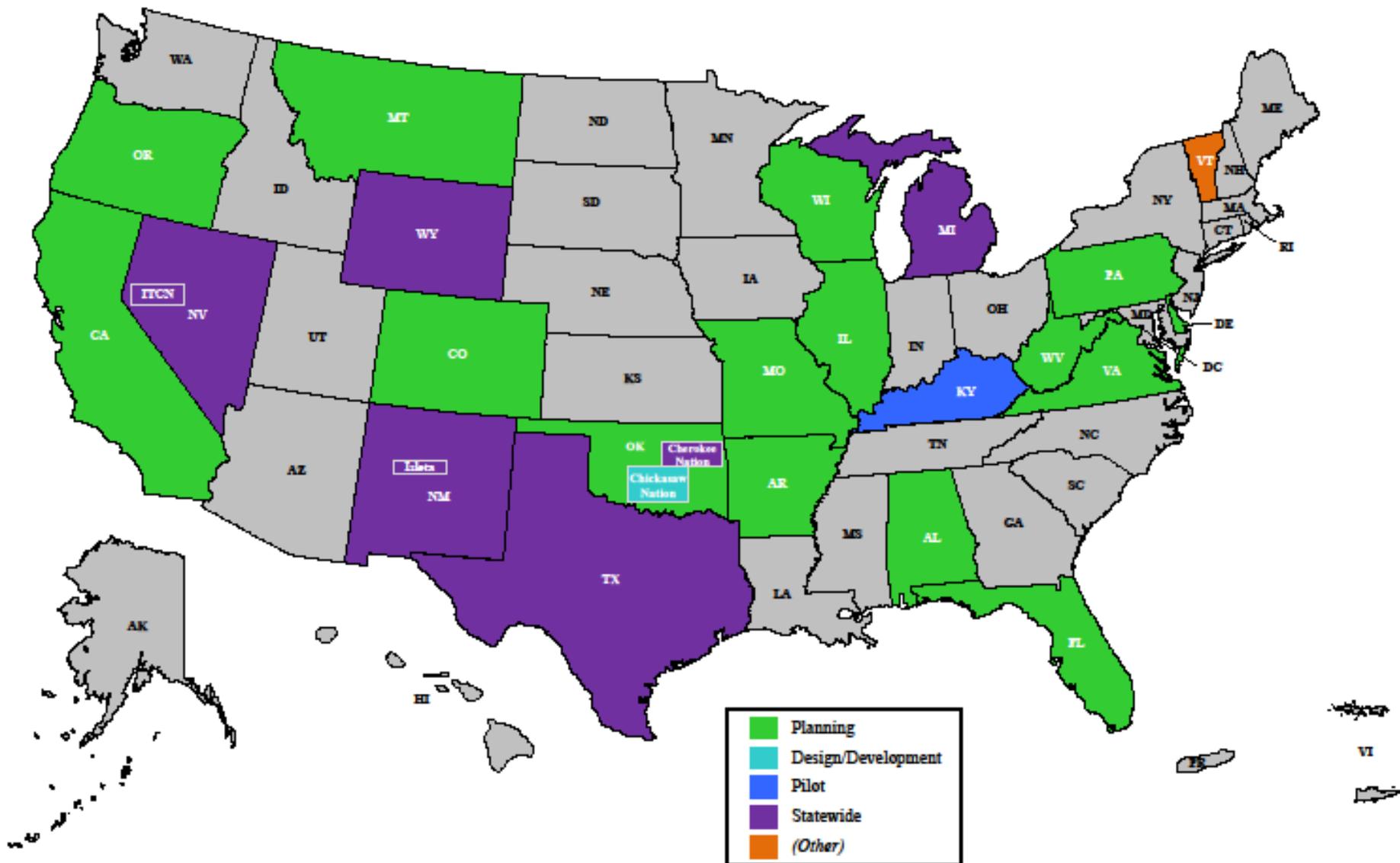


Funding and Project Update

- **Overview of WIC EBT Project Status**
- **FY 2010 and 2011 Budgets/Funding**
- **Changes at FNS to Support EBT Expansion**



WIC EBT Activity - February 2010





Current Status

- **EBT Statewide (8): Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas, Michigan, Nevada, ITCN, Isleta and Cherokee**
- **EBT Pilot (1): Kentucky**
- **EBT Design (1): Chickasaw Nation**
- **EBT Planning (16):**
 - FL, OK, VA, AR, WI, WV, AL, CO, DE, DC, IL, MO, MT, OR, PA, CA
- **Other (1): Vermont**



Funding Update

WIC is funded differently from SNAP –
discretionary program, formula grants, State specific, no State match required, finite amount of funds for program operations

Funding Sources for Technology Projects:

- Nutrition Services and Administration funds (NSA grant)
- Operational Adjustment funds (OA)
- Regional Infrastructure
- National office grants



Funding Update

- **Prior to FY 2009 used \$3-4 million of multi-purpose funds annually for EBT**
- **Received \$100 M in ARRA funding in 2009 for technology**
- **FY 2010 appropriation provides \$60 million for management information systems, to include EBT**
- **FY 2010 appropriation includes just under \$10 million for administrative support/oversight of technology projects and EBT expansion**
- **FY 2011 President's Budget requests the same**



Funding Update

Increased Funding/Expanded Budget:

- Gives FNS, State agencies and stakeholders the ability to modernize clinic systems and accelerate EBT implementation**
- Provides FNS an unprecedented opportunity to move technology forward to enhance the participant experience – both at the WIC clinic and at the grocery store**

Changes at FNS

- Additional \$\$\$ = reorganization and additional staff
- New branch at National office dedicated to technology – both State MIS and EBT
- Hiring more staff at both National and regional offices





Changes at FNS

Plans:

- Update strategic plan – explore expansion strategies now that resources are available
- Work with stakeholders to improve & standardize processes and system designs
- Provide TA to States and industry partners to advance EBT



EBT Funding Update

Discussion Leader: Patty Davis

Overview:

A representative from the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) of the USDA will provide an update on funding sources currently available to states planning the transition to an electronic benefit transfer (EBT) process.

Notes:

Patty walked through her presentation (see attached).