



TEXAS WIC PROGRAM

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New WIC EBT Card



Since the rollout of WIC EBT, you have become accustomed to seeing the WIC Lone Star smart card in your lanes when WIC participants shop at your store. This familiar card features the Lone Star logo with the smart chip, numbers, and bar code on the front side of the card.

However, soon you will begin seeing a newly designed WIC EBT smart card. The card will be issued only to new WIC participants or as a replacement for a lost card as the current stock of the Lone Star smart card is exhausted. These cards will begin to appear in stores gradually over the next few months. The newly designed card, as seen to the right, will feature the WIC logo and a fruit/vegetable basket (emphasizing the WIC fruit and vegetable benefits) against a blue and white background. This new card will also feature the smart chip, numbers, and a bar code on the front side of the card just as on the current WIC EBT Lone Star smart card.



Both the WIC EBT Lone Star smart card and the new WIC fruit basket smart card **are equally valid WIC food instruments that WIC participants can present in your store to redeem their WIC benefits. There is no expiration date associated with either of these cards. As an authorized WIC vendor, your store should accept either card without hesitation.**



As noted in the Vendor News Flash dated May 16, 2011, a limited number of stores in some areas of Texas may also see the Summer Nutrition Card that is valid for a limited period of time (June-July-August 2011). Please see that Vendor News Flash for more details on the Summer Nutrition Program.

All three of these cards should be accepted for use in your WIC EBT ECR system. Any benefits/foods redeemed by any of the three cards will be paid by the WIC Program in accordance with the policies and procedures outlined in your store's Vendor Agreement.

If you have any questions or need further information, please call John Brewer, Food Issuance Branch, at 1-512-341-4400, ext. 2302.