

The Vendor Register

WIC and EBT News

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Don't Just Wait Until EBT Rolls Out! The Ohio WIC UPC Database is Available Now!

In preparation for WIC EBT, we have compiled an extensive database containing UPCs and PLUs for Ohio WIC-approved food and formula items. We obtained this data from a variety of sources, including food manufacturers, corporate and independent grocery stores, other State WIC programs, and USDA.

This database currently contains approximately 13,000 UPCs and PLUs, which we can share with you in an Excel file.

We strongly recommend that you review this file, prior to your scheduled EBT implementation, to ensure that all of your WIC-identified items are accounted for. If you believe any items to be missing, you can report this information to us for our research and, if appropriate, addition to the database.

By being proactive, you will ensure a smooth WIC shopping experience and will prevent unnecessary frustration and headaches!

To request a copy of the Excel file, please email us at ohiowicupc@odh.ohio.gov



January EBT Expansion

The long awaited roll out for Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) is finally here. The WIC EBT pilot has been successful so we are moving up the statewide implementation schedule. Athens, Gallia, Jackson, Morgan, Noble, Pike, Vinton, and Washington Counties are scheduled to implement WIC EBT on January 26, 2015. Additional rollouts are planned for March, May and July of 2015. Please refer to page 4 to view the USDA-approved EBT implementation schedule.

WIC EBT Trainings - Required Attendance

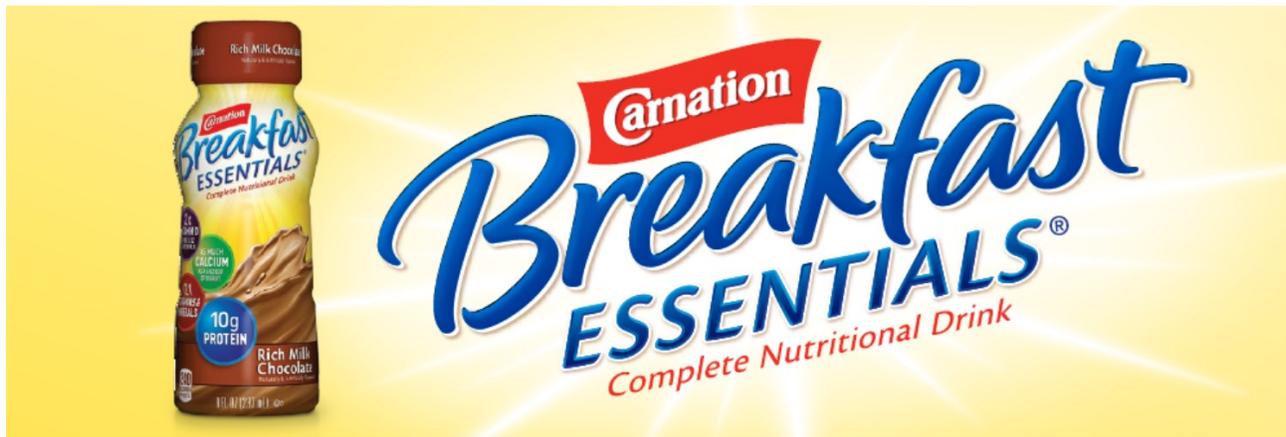
With the implementation of WIC EBT comes new processes for transacting WIC benefits. WIC EBT trainings will be held in your region a few weeks before your WIC EBT implementation start date. **It is crucial that representatives capable of training your store staff attend these trainings.**

Vendor Reminders

Know when your contract expires. If you are not an authorized WIC vendor with an existing contract, the WIC program will not pay you for coupons or WIC EBT transactions that are submitted for payment.

As of October 1, 2014, 2% milk will no longer be counted as a minimum stock item. Due to the USDA food package change, 2% milk will be replaced by 1% milk for minimum stocking requirements.

There was a new formula added to the Ohio WIC formulary. Carnation Breakfast Essentials will be available in 8oz RTF containers only. All flavors, including Classic French Vanilla, Rich Milk Chocolate, and Creamy Strawberry are authorized.



Expired Foods



Having expired WIC-authorized foods on your shelves is a violation of the WIC program. Please make sure that all WIC approved items are fresh and have not expired.

Vendor Portal Accounts

All vendors are required to have a Vendor Portal account. The Vendor Portal enables vendors to access their payment information. There are currently 123 WIC-authorized vendors that do not have a Vendor Portal account. If you do not have a Vendor Portal account, please contact your vendor specialist for instructions on how to sign up for one. Below are the WIC-authorized vendors that currently do not have a Vendor Portal account:

STAKES IGA
CLINE'S SUPER VALU
HOLGATE COUNTY PRIDE FOODS
GARDNER'S SUPERVALU FOODS
MISSLERS IGA
DALE'S CARDINAL MARKET
AMHERST IGA
LAGRANGE IGA
SCHILDS IGA FOODLINER
BEER DOCK
DETROIT STOP
ERIE FOOD MARKET
FAMILY FOOD CENTER
FOOD TOWN
SEAWAY MARKET PLACE
SOUTH PROSPECT MARKET
MARENGO COUNTRY MARKET
MARVIN'S VILLAGE MARKET
RIVER STREET MARKET
JOE AND MARYS MARKET
QUICK STOP 1 INC
DEL'S COUNTY PRIDE FOODS
YESNIAS MEXICAN STORE
KAISER'S SUPERMARKET
WILLSON'S GROCERY
CONVENIENT FOOD MART 3-123
JAMBOREE FOODS
JEFFERSON GOLDEN DAWN
WALGREENS #10710
ARLINGTON MARKET
BOULEVARD CONVENIENT
CEDAR'S FINEST
CHILLIES BEVERAGE & DELI
CLARK CONVENIENT FOOD PLUS
CONVENIENT FOOD MART
CONVENIENT FOOD MART #3072
CONVENIENT FOOD MART #3103
CONVENIENT FOOD MART 3-054
DENISON FOOD MART
EAST CLEVELAND FAMILY FOODS
EASTSIDE MARKET

EMERY FOOD MART
FINE FOODS
FOOD PLUS
HALLOH SQUARE DEAL MARKET
HAYDEN FOOD PLUS
K&M DELI & BEVERAGE
KHALAF STAR MARKET
KINSMAN FOOD DEAL
KINSMAN SHOPRITE
LIBERTY GAS
MADISON BI RITE
MINI MARKET
MT PLEASANT BEVERAGE
ONE STOP MARKET
PARKWOOD DRIVE THRU
QUICK SHOP FOOD MART
SAPELLS BIRITE SUPERMARKET
SHAW SAV-MOR BI-RITE
SHOP-N-GO
SIMON'S SUPERMARKET
SNACK SHACK III
STOP N SAVE FOOD MART
STORER FOOD AND BEVERAGE
SUPERIOR FOOD MART
THE DELI
TONY'S MARKET
WEST TOWN VILLAGE MARKET
WOODLAND SUPERMARKET
HEADLANDS IGA
BOARDMAN SPARKLE MARKET
POLAND GIANT EAGLE
WINDHAM SPARKLE
K & S MINI MART
LOUISVILLE GIANT EAGLE #692
EZ CARRYOUT
LITTLE MIKES MARKET
DEVINES SHOP N SAVE
NEWTON FALLS SHOP 'N SAVE
SCHECKS IGA I
WEST SALEM IGA
MADISON AVENUE PHARMACY

JOHNS FOODLINER
CEDARVILLE SHELL
DELICIAS SUPERMARKET
DOLLAR VALUE PLUS
REDS DELI
YALLO EXPRESS
NORTH LAKEVIEW MARKET
WINNERS LAKEVIEW MARKET
ULBRICH'S
ZIKS FAMILY PHARMACY #100
ZIKS FAMILY PHARMACY #102
DANNER SUPERMARKET
LA MICHOACANA MEXICAN MARKET #5
WESTSIDE SUPERMARKET
AMBLE MART
DOLLAR PLUS
INTERNATIONAL FOOD MARKET
LA MEGA MICHOACANA
LA MICHOACANA MEXICAN MARKET #2
LA MICHOACANA MEXICAN MARKET #3
QUICK MART
UNITED MARKET
T & J MARKET
WEBER'S PHARMACY
CLARINGTON CARRY OUT
BRADEN MED SERVICES
COUNTRY STORE FOODS
MINFORD IGA
CROSS CREEK GENERAL STORE
WHITE OAK PHARMACY
SAVE A LOT
BOARDMAN SAVE A LOT
SAVE A LOT
IRONTON SAVE A LOT
CONNEAUT SAVE A LOT
EAST CANTON SAVE A LOT
SAVE A LOT
SAVE A LOT
UPPER SANDUSKY SAVE A LOT
COLUMBIANA SAVE A LOT
MILLERSBURG SAVE A LOT

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**OHIO WIC EBT IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE – Vendor Version
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January 26, 2015	March 23, 2015	May 1, 2015	July 1, 2015
Athens	Belmont	Adams/Brown	Ashtabula
Gallia	Carroll	Allen	Auglaize
Jackson	Coshocton	Champaign	Butler
Noble	Fairfield	Clark	Crawford
Pike	Guernsey	Clermont	Cuyahoga
Vinton	Harrison	Clinton	Darke/Mercer
Washington/Morgan	Holmes	Defiance	Erie/Huron
	Jefferson	Delaware/Morrow/Union	Fulton/Henry
	Lawrence	Fayette	Geauga
	Monroe	Franklin	Hamilton
	Muskingum	Hancock/Hardin	Knox
	Perry	Highland	Lake
	Ross/Pickaway	Logan	Lorain
	Scioto	Lucas	Mahoning
	Tuscarawas	Madison	Marion
		Montgomery	Medina
		Ottawa	Miami
		Paulding	Preble
		Shelby	Portage/Columbiana
		Warren	Richland/Ashland
		Williams	Sandusky
		Wood	Seneca
		Wyandot	Stark
			Summit
			Trumbull
			Van Wert
			Wayne
8 counties	16 counties	27 counties	32 counties

Already Implemented: Greene, Hocking, Licking, Meigs, Putnam = 5

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