# Breaking Down the WIC POS Receipt

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#### Session Objectives

Identifies the elements of a WIC purchase receipt to support benefit usage

Identifies what and where receipt data comes from

Use of receipts in vendor system certification

Use of receipts in Troubleshooting Problems



#### WIC Receipts - An Evolution

- Early on WIC receipts were modeled after TX/NM cash register integration requirements
- Today WIC receipts vary from store to store
  - Depends on the Cash Register System
  - Lots of Customization for marketing and customer service reasons
  - Focus on Minimum Content rather than a specific format

#### Purpose of Receipts

- Provides information about benefits and a record of purchase details
- Receipts can help if the WIC shopper has questions of:
  - Clerk
  - State agency Help Desk
  - Clinic or State staff

<sup>&</sup>quot;A store clerk can point to the receipt when a WIC Participant complains that items they thought were WIC eligible are denied." WY WIC staff.

#### What elements and Why?

- Date & time
- WIC Vendor Location
- Card Number (PAN)
- Available Benefits
- Begin and End Date for Benefits
- Items Purchased
- Remaining Food Balance

- Helps look up details
- Troubleshoot/integrity
- Look up details if issues
- What can Mom buy?
- ID's when benefit expires
- Record of usage if questions arise
- For future purchases or checking if an error

What

Why



### Three main sources of Receipt Data

- Vendor
- ▶ EBT Card (smart card) or Processor (on-line)
- Authorized Product List (APL)



#### Data Sources - Vendor

- Date & Time
- Location (exception is vendor ID)
- Terminal ID number
- Items purchased
- Discounts, if any
- Food item descriptions



#### Data Sources - Card or Processor

- Card Number (PAN)
- Transaction trace number
- Begin and End Benefit Dates
- Benefit Quantity (also referred to as Unit/Unit of Measure)\*



#### Data Sources - APL

- Benefit Quantity for each UPC/PLU sold
- Subcategory Description
- Benefit Unit Description
  - Doz or Dozen
  - Ctr or Ctnr
  - JBG or JarBag

#### WIC Beginning Balance Receipt

Store Name / Address / City / State / Zip

- \* WIC Beginning
  \* Balance Receipt
- \* For Period Starting 7/01/06

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QTY	U/M	DESCRIPTION
4.00 12.00 72.00	gal lb dozen can ounce lb jar ounce can	MILK &/OR BUTTERMILK CHEESE (AUTHORIZED) EGGS-A OR AA LARGE/MED/SMALL JUICE 46 FL OZ &/OR 12 OZ FRZ CEREAL (AUTHORIZED) DRIED BEANS (SEALED PKG) PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ GERBER INF CEREAL W/O FRUIT ENFAMIL LIPIL W/I PWD 12.9 OZ EVAP MILK 12 OZ

Benefits Expire at midnight on 7/31/2006

### WIC Redemption Receipt

WIC Benefit Redemption



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QTY	U/M	DESCRIPTION
2.00 1.00 2.00 1.00 18.00 36.00 1.00 8.00 2.00	gal lb lb ounce ounce jar ounce can	Parade Brand 2% Milk Parade Brand Cheddar Cheese Parade Brand Mild Cheddar Cheese Parade Brand Colby Jack Cheese Kix Cereal Wheaties Parade Brand Peanut Butter 18 OZ Gerber Oatmeal Infant Cereal ENFAMIL LIPIL W/I PWD 12.9 OZ



#### Ending Balance Receipt

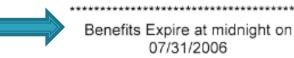
Store Name / Address / City / State / Zip

- \* WIC Ending Balance
- \* Receipt
- For Period Starting 7/01/06

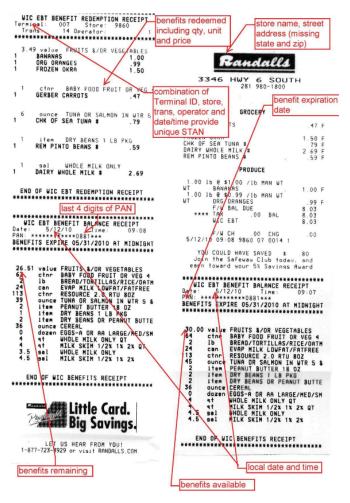


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QTY	U/M	DESCRIPTION
7.00 3.00 4.00 12.00 48.00 1.00 0.00 8.00 7.00 4.00	gal lb dozen can ounce lb jar ounce can	MILK &/OR BUTTERMILK CHEESE (AUTHORIZED) EGGS-A OR AA LARGE/MED/SMALL JUICE 46 FL OZ &/OR 12 OZ FRZ CEREAL (AUTHORIZED) DRIED BEANS (SEALED PKG) PEANUT BUTTER 18 OZ GERBER INF CEREAL W/O FRUIT ENFAMIL LIPIL W/I PWD 12.9 OZ EVAP MILK 12 OZ



## Sample Receipts from EBT Operating Rules



#### **Last Thoughts**

- WIC Receipts are chock full of information used to track benefits and troubleshoot problems
- Receipts are very limited in size and space
  - A State agency has choice on Subcat Description
  - Some infant formulas are a challenge to describe clearly for both store clerks and WIC participants
- Receipts are a message medium with multiple purposes – a record of what happened
- Trends optional email or text is a State agency decision in the WIC EBT Operating Rules

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