EBT IMPLEMENTATION & UPC – APL DATA INTEGRITY

FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

EBT Implementation

- Florida Implementation – Legislative Mandate
  - 1 July 2013 – Met On-Time & On-Budget
  - Start – April 2012
- UPC Collection
  - Core of Implementation
  - False Start
    - Vendor & Other State Data
    - Dated ACCESS Program
  - December 2012 – New ACCESS Program
    - Selected Methodology
    - On-Site Collection

EBT Implementation

- New ACCESS Program
  - On-Site Collection
  - Wasp WCS 3900 CCD Barcode Scanner
  - $200

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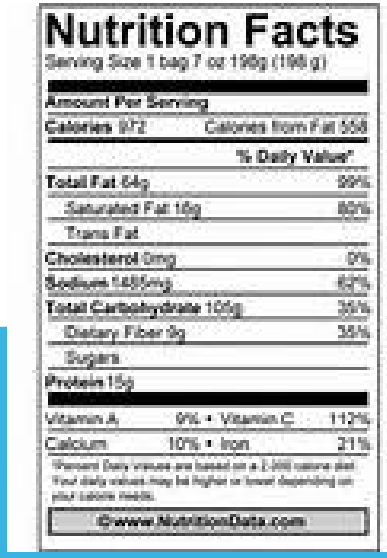
Scanner Mfgr: Wasp Barcode Technologies
Barcode Scanner – WCS3900 CCD
Medium duty, 6' cord, scan range up to 1.5" , USB
Transportable with laptop & MS ACCESS application
(software program available upon request to any agency)

EBT Implementation

- Florida UPC Collection
  - No Item Loaded Unless Directly Approved By Nutritionist
  - March 2013 > Two Weeks Each Month
  - Team
    - Licensed Nutritionist
    - Vendor Management Technicians (2)
    - Validate Each Item – Only Enter Approved Items
- Southern Pilot Area – 24 Stores
  - Collection Of Nearly 9,000 UPCs To Date
  - Variations Between Stores In Same Chain
  - Moving North By Shopping & Market Areas

Long-Term EBT & APL Data Integrity

- Get Ahead of the Curve
  - UPC Distribution at Vendor's Pace
  - At Least 72 Hour Turn-around
- Long Term Requirement
  - Central Source for UPC Data
  - Kwikee Systems - Responsive Detailed Provider
    - Commercial, No Cost Source
    - Manufacturers "Register" Products
    - Product Data Available Before Arrive at the Store Loading Dock
  - GS1 DataBar Adoption Goal 2014
    - Reading
    - Conversion



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SUMMARY

- Learned - No Substitute for “Hands-on”

  UPC Approval for Implementation
  - ACCESS Data Base
  - Collection
- Every Location Had “Unique Items”
  - Individual Stores or Chains - No Exception
  - Multiple UPCs within Categories i.e. cereal
- Long Term Commercial Solution Available
  - Kwikee.com industry supported
  - Nutrition and Product Graphics and Info

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