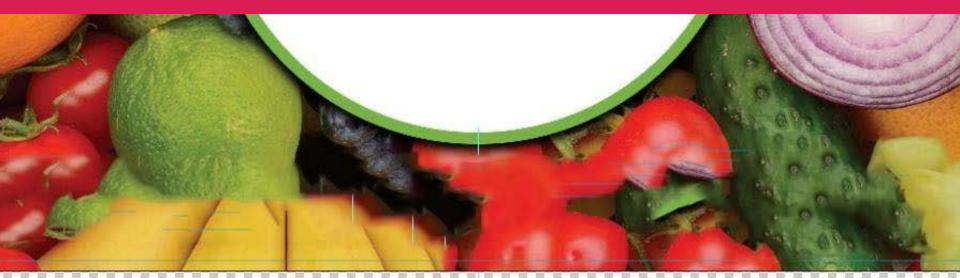


# PA WIC CATEGORY / SUB-CATEGORY DECISIONS

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## START WITH THE FOUNDATION



 Review the National Food Category & Subcategory Table on FNS website

https://www.fns.usda.gov/proposed-national-food-categorysubcategory-table

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₩IC Food	Category	Sub- category	Description	Benefit Unit Description Min/Max Abbreviation (X9.93:2-2014, table A.1)	Comment and/or substitution rate per \UC Federal regulations
updated 3/7/2016					
					Per State suggestions, we recommend not using
Cheese or Tofu	02	000	Cheese - all authorized	LB / POUND	random wt (i.e., deli sliced)
		001	Cheese	LB / POUND	1lb = 3 quarts fluid milk
		002	Lowfat cheese	LB / POUND	
		003	Low Sodium Cheese	LB / POUND	
		004	Tofu	LB / POUND	1lb = 4 quarts fluid milk
		005	Cheese - Kosher	LB / POUND	
		006-099	Reserved		

#### IDENTIFY WHAT'S ALLOWED



- Created our own version of the spreadsheet
- Deleted items that are not allowed within PA
- Dried eggs, liquid whole eggs and boiled eggs not allowed in PA

Category	Sub- category	Description	Benefit Unit Description Min/Max Abbreviation (X9.93:2-2014, table A.1)	Comment and/or substitution rate per WIC Federal regulations
03	000	Eggs - all authorized	DOZ / DOZEN	0.5 = 1/2 dozen
	001	Fresh shell eggs	DOZ / DOZEN	1 = 1 dozen
	002	Dried egg mix (powder) Liquid Whole Eggs	OZ/OUNCE OZ/OUNCE	1 carton = ? Eggs (usually 2 tbsp = 1 egg
	004	Boiled eggs	DOZ / DOZEN	
	005-099	Reserved		

# ISSUANCE / BENEFIT UNIT



- Do we issue products with the same benefit unit description as the national list?
- What does our MIS allow / how can products be issued in the MIS?

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#### BROADBAND



- What items should be able to be purchased in the broadband?
  - Cost containment
  - Current issuance

#### **'BIG DECISIONS' IN PA**



#### • Milk

- Issue milk at a half-gallon
- Issue quarts specifically not allow it to be purchased
- Legumes
  - Participant selects in the Clinic which legume will be purchased peanut butter, canned beans, or dried beans?



## Thank you!

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