## iPhone Technology UPC Technology-APL Central/Monitoring Visits

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#### **OVERVIEW**

- How can iPhone technology impact WIC
- APL Central in Michigan
  - Approved Product Listing
  - Vendor Pre-Authorizations Site Visit
- Mobile Market +
- Future steps



# HOW CAN IPHONE TECHNOLOGY IMPACT WIC

- WIC isn't a 9-5 program
- Allows anywhere/anytime access
- Technology is readily available
- Michigan can use to process CVB and FMNP (Project Fresh in Michigan)

## TWO APPS IN MICHIGAN

APL Central



Mobile Market +



### APL CENTRAL IN MICHIGAN



- Covers two main functionalities
- Both have separate access to the APP
  - APL management
    - UPC and Price Management
    - Cat/Sub-cat management
    - Peer Group Search
    - Vendor Search
  - UPC request from Vendors

- Vendor Pre-Authorization
   Site Visit
  - Minimum Stock and Price Verification
  - Vendor Training
  - Signatures
  - Transferring data to MI-WIC

### APL MANAGEMENT AND USE

- Critical functions
  - Searching for a UPC/PLU
  - Adding & editing UPC/PLU
  - Adding/editing Max Price
  - Adding/editing product photos
  - Category/Sub-Cats
  - Peer Groups
  - Vendors
  - UPC Requests



# SEARCHING FOR UPC/PLU INFORMATION

- The APL information can be searched by:
  - UPC/PLU
  - Description
  - Scanning the barcode
  - Can also filter by active or disabled status

# SEARCHING FOR UPC/PLU INFORMATION







## ADDING & EDITING A UPC/PLU

- Data is synchronized with the MI-WIC eligibility system once all the required fields are submitted and validated by MI-WIC
  - User can either key or scan UPC/PLU
- System edits prevent incomplete data being sent to MI-WIC
  - Cat/Sub-cat
  - Product Description
  - Package Quantity/Size
  - Manufacturer Name
- Once saved, a UPC/PLU can be edited

## ADDING & EDITING A UPC/PLU







## ADDING/EDITING MAX PRICE

- After designating the UPC/PLU, user will enter the Peer Group, Max Price, and Effective Date
- Edits to the Max price are made by selecting the max price and changing information.
- Data is synched to MI-WIC and updated in real time



## ADDING/EDITING PRODUCT PHOTOS

- User can add up to 5 photos to a UPC/PLU
- User selects to edit
   product image and takes
   a picture using the phone



# REVIEWING CAT/SUB-CAT INFORMATION

- Users can view details at the Category, Sub-Category, or UPC level.
  - Search by description or number
- Disabled categories will also appear for reference



### REVIEWING PEER GROUPS

- Users have the ability to Search for Peer Groups by number or description
  - Provides associated vendors and UPC/PLUs



#### FINDING INFORMATION ON VENDORS

 Users have access to Information about WIC vendors that are in authorized or de-authorized status.

 Users are also able to obtain vendor information such as city, state, zip and phone contact

information.



### SEARCHING FOR VENDORS

- Users can search by vendor name, city, or zip code
- Once a vendor is selected users can:
  - View vendor demographic information
  - Call the vendor
  - Use mapping features to locate the vendor
  - View associated UPC/PLU's



# VENDOR DEMOGRAPHICS AND MAPPING



## UPC/PLU REQUEST FROM VENDORS

- Authorized vendors can request a UPC/PLU to be WIC eligible via APL Central
- User is only allowed to request for a UPC/PLU that is not already on the APL
- E-mail notifications to vendor and State
- State can edit UPC information and approve or deny the request
- Once approved, UPC/PLU will be sent to MI-WIC

## VENDOR PRE-AUTHORIZATION SITE VISITS

- Required activity to authorize a vendor
  - Verify food price and variety on application
  - Confirm minimum stock
  - Provide program training
- Multiple concurrent site visits are possible
- Documentation is key
  - Reduces burden on staff in the field and in the office
  - Reduces Data entry
  - Increases accuracy of data
  - Reduces paper
- Vendor application info already in MI-WIC

### STARTING A SITE VISIT

- User can create a new site visit, continue an inprogress site visit, or review a completed site visit
- After selecting a vendor for site visit, user will start the visit





# FOOD PRICE, VARIETY & MINIMUM STOCK VERIFICATION

- User selects minimum stock category
- UPC or PLU can be entered manually or by scanning bar code
- Enter quantity and price
- MI-WIC processes and validates



# FOOD PRICE, VARIETY & MINIMUM STOCK VERIFICATION



## **VENDOR TRAINING**

- Quickly documents vendor training
- Ensures all aspects met prior to submitting site visit



### **COLLECTING SIGNATURES**

- App collects vendor representative information and signature
- App also collects Vendor analyst information and signature for documentation.



## **MOBILE MARKET +**



- Allows farmers markets to wirelessly redeem CVBs,
   FMNP (Project Fresh in Michigan), and SNAP benefits
- Increases client access to fresh fruits and vegetables
- Increased flexibility for WIC vendors and Farmers Markets
- Compliant with USDA regulations

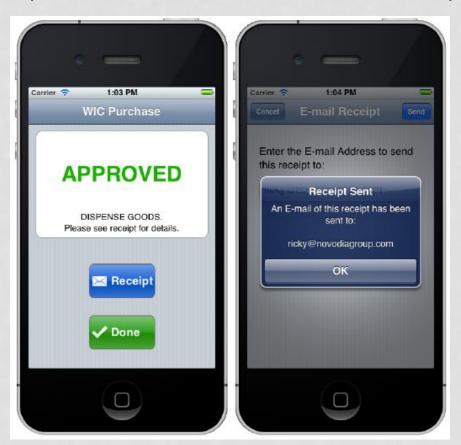
### REDEEMING BENEFITS

- Client swipes or enters card number and PIN
- Merchant enters order information
  - Merchant name, PLU, Quantity, Price for each item
- Submit order to Xerox for reconciliation



### PROVIDING RECEIPT

 Once transaction is approved, market master has option to e-mail or text receipt





## WIC BALANCE INQUIRY

 After user swipes or enters card number, they can conduct a balance inquiry



## **REPORTS**

- Transaction Receipts
  - Receipts for completed transactions can be retrieved and resent by current day and previous days.
- Retailer Totals Report
  - Financial totals based on a settlement date that includes a summary of transaction count and amounts.
- Terminal Totals Report
  - Financial totals by terminal and settlement date.
- Merchant Totals Report
  - Financial totals by a specific merchant.
- Shift Totals Report
  - Financial totals by a specific user shift

## FUTURE DEVELOPMENT

- WIC Client Connect on iPhone and Android platform
- MI-WIC compatible with iPad and Android tablets



## THANK YOU

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