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Vendor News Flash

Summer Nutrition Benefits Card Program

This summer, Texas WIC is teaming up with the Texas Department of Agriculture to create the Summer Nutrition Benefits Card Program. This program provides healthy foods for low-income, school-age kids during the summer months. Additionally, WIC authorized vendors are a part of this collaboration to create a nutrition safety net for low-income families. With the WIC EBT technology and infrastructure, eligible families can shop for authorized foods from June 1 - August 15, 2018.

Nearly 5,500 students from the Georgetown and Elgin school districts qualify for our Summer Nutrition Benefits Card Program. Those families will receive food benefits on an EBT card, similar to the WIC EBT card used to buy WIC authorized foods, with the exception of juice, tuna, salmon, and infant foods and formula. Please keep in mind, participants may use this new card throughout the entire state at any authorized WIC vendor.

Vendors will process the Summer Nutrition Benefits Card, just like any WIC transaction, using the WIC EBT system and Authorized Product List (APL). Your system will bundle the transactions from the Summer Nutrition Benefits Card and WIC EBT into one claim and submit it daily. Also, vendors will receive one direct deposit for all valid transactions in the claim.

The Summer Nutrition Benefits Card Program is possible thanks to a federal grant from the United States Department of Agriculture. All terms and conditions of your Vendor Agreement and WIC vendor policies apply.

If you have any questions, please call 1-800-252-9629. For more information, along an FAQ-Frequently Asked Questions and On Demand training, please visit our website at http://www.dshs.texas.gov/wichd/tng/on-site_vendor-cal.shtm.