


National WIC UPC Database System

What
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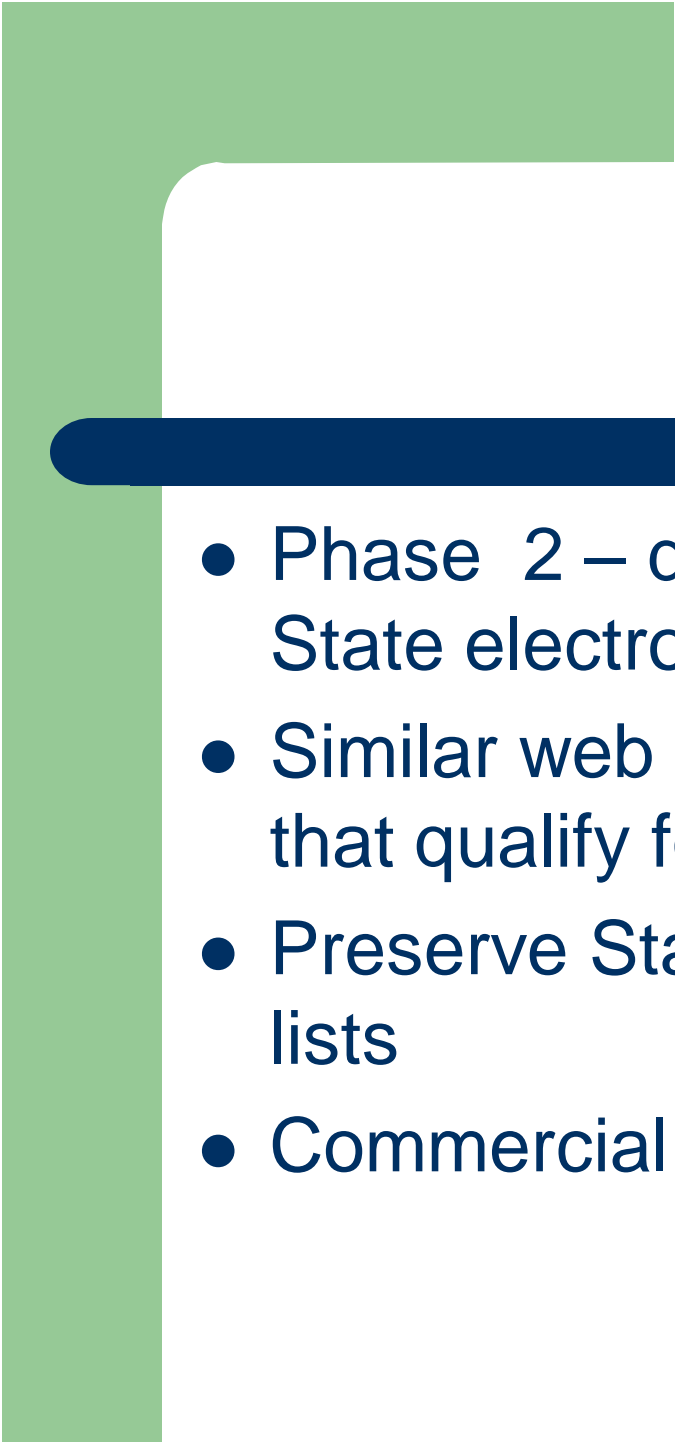



Nat'l UPC Database – What is it?

- Repository of foods with their UPC numbers
- Product Entry
 - State agencies
 - FNS
 - Food Manufacturers, retailers, distributors
- Infant Formulas – limited to States or FNS entry
- Validates entries against federal regulatory criteria – if they pass, food item becomes available for State consideration

Nat'l UPC Database – What is it?

- State queue –Lists available foods to State
- State agency examines and takes an action
 - puts on hold,
 - Approves,
 - or denies
- State agency may download approved Food Lists
 - Browser file download

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- Phase 2 – develop capability to distribute State electronic food lists to retailers
 - Similar web based service used for drugs that qualify for flexible spending accounts
 - Preserve State specific authorized product lists
 - Commercial option may develop

National UPC Database

- States with existing UPC data
 - Upload into database
 - Follow specified file format – X9.93
 - Consistent with retailer file exchanges in EBT systems.
- Data can be viewed by other States
 - Review for product selection

National UPC Database - How

- State Users Get eAuthentication – Level 2
 - FNS decided to make State access more secure
 - Update and modify data used for in-lane purchases
- Begin use of NUPC

NUPC Database - Critical Decisions

- States Must Use the National Food Category and Subcategory Table
- Added in changes for the new Food Package

National UPC Database

- Formula moved to Category 21, 31 & 41 (Cat 11 retired)
- Milk – moved all types into Category 51 & 52
- Juice – moved to Category 53 & 54
- Added Baby foods
- Abbreviated Product Description for POS receipts
- Rebate flag for download file

NUPC Database - Critical Decisions

- Updated X9.93 2007 file format
- Identifies UPC or PLU via first digit
 - Eases State and vendor management
- Purchase Indicator for 000 wildcard items
 - Enables State agency flexibility to designate items for wide use vs. items for selective use

NUPC Database- WIC's Future?

- Is the NUPC limited to States working toward an EBT solution? No – any State may use.
- Are States required to use? No – merely a tool to help manage data from State to State.
- Are Food Manufacturers required to use? No. May face this in future.

NUPC Database - Pilot

- Pilot with Kentucky
 - Assess usability
 - Update based on user experiences
- Add other State agencies fairly soon – esp. for formula entry
- Open system to manufacturers - TBD

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- For more information:

http://www.fns.usda.gov/apd/Library/WIC_EBt_docs.htm

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