

DEFINITIONS FOR eWIC

ACH: Automated Clearing House. An electronic network for financial transactions. ACH credit transfers include retailer payments.

APL: Approved Product List. Contains all products which are eligible for purchase with a Missouri eWIC card.

ARF: Auto Reconciliation File. This file will contain the final disposition of all transactions received by the Missouri WIC program from the retailer, as well as detailed payment and adjustment information at the UPC level.

Beginning Balance Receipt: A printed receipt listing the description and quantity of the food items available on the eWIC card to be purchased.

Cash Value Benefit (CVB): A fixed-dollar amount added to a Missouri eWIC card for WIC authorized fruit and vegetables.

Claim File: A file submitted to the Missouri WIC program detailing WIC transactions.

EBT: Electronic Benefit Transfer. A benefit delivery method that permits electronic access to WIC food benefits using a card.

EBT Capable: A cash register system or payment device that can accurately and securely obtain WIC food balances associated with an EBT card, maintain the necessary files such as the authorized product list, hot card file, claim file, and successfully complete WIC EBT purchases.

ECR: Electronic Cash Register. A point-of-sale device that supports retail transactions.

Ending Balance Receipt: A receipt printed at the end of the WIC transaction listing the description and quantity of the food items left on the card.

Error File: The Error File describes problems encountered by the Missouri WIC program while attempting to process a claim file. Once a claim file level error has been detected, the claim file cannot be processed. If the claim file submitted by the retailer contains multiple errors, only the first error that the system encounters will be displayed. The system discontinues processing upon the first error encountered.

eWIC Training Card: Used to educate store personnel on the operation of the WIC transactions using special training cards provided by the Missouri WIC program. Training cards have the number nine (9) as the eighth digit of the PAN.

Hot Card: A card that has been invalidated for any reason including loss, theft, or administrative action by the Missouri WIC program. These cards appear in the "Hot Card" List file.

HCL: Hot Card List. A file containing the primary account number(s) (PAN) of invalidated eWIC cards.

IFPS: International Federation for Produce Standards. A coalition of fruit and vegetable associations for the use of international Price Look-Up (PLU) codes.

Integrated POS System: The equipment and related software that are used by the WIC retailer to process all sales transactions including WIC (i.e., PIN pad, cash register, and back office processing software).

Mixed Basket Transaction: A sales transaction that includes WIC and non-WIC items and, therefore, requires more than one tender type.

NTE: Not-To-Exceed. A price limitation on WIC authorized foods.

PAN: Primary Account Number. A 16-digit numeric field that identifies the issuing state or program and the account to whom the card was issued. It is located on the front of the Missouri eWIC card.

PIN: Personal Identification Number. A four (4)-digit number assigned to each eWIC card.

Peer Groups: A grouping of authorized retailers based on common characteristics or criteria that affect food prices for the purposes of applying appropriate competitive price criteria to retailers at authorization and limiting payments for food to current competitive levels.

POS: Point of Sale.

PLU: Price Look-Up Code. A four (4) or five (5) digit code assigned by the IFPS. PLUs are used by a WIC retailer to identify products that typically are of variable measure, such as fresh fruit and vegetables. The trailing four (4) digits of organic products represent the standard PLU for a food item.

Redemption Mode: The normal full-featured processing mode that will allow both balance inquiries and WIC redemptions.

Redemption Receipt: A store receipt provided to customers for WIC transactions showing items purchased with WIC benefits.

Retailer Discount: An in-store promotion that reduces the price or increases the quantity of a given product; a retailer discount could also result from the use of a coupon.

Retailer Overcharge: Intentional or unintentional charge to the Missouri WIC Program for WIC foods at more than is permitted under the WIC Retailer Agreement.

SFTP: Secure File Transfer Protocol. A standard for transferring files between computers on a network, such as the internet.

Smart Card: A payment card that has an integrated microcomputer chip.

Stand-Beside POS System: Equipment and related software used by a WIC retailer to process WIC transactions only, and not integrated with the cash register.

Universal Product Code (UPC): A specific type of barcode used to identify products sold by the WIC retailer. The numbers shown in the barcode are entered on the APL file to identify authorized WIC foods.

Utilization Receipt: This receipt will print after items have been totaled and WIC is being tendered. It will show the WIC customer what food items will be deducted from their WIC benefits.

Void Receipt: This receipt will print if the sale is voided.