

# The Tale of the Single IAPD



A True New England Story

# Bringing Two Project Together

- Timing was right
  - Timelines closely aligned
- Technology was right
  - Tested in Michigan
- Stronger together
  - Separate would require new printers, checks, etc.
- It made sense
  - Single review cycle, lower costs, keeps things in sync
- We just needed approval

*Do you MIS take EBT to form a single IAPD? I do!*



# It Wasn't Easy

- We had to assume two documents up until the last minute
- Different authors with different approaches
- Lengthy process, Budget issues, two retirements, a wedding and two babies
- Lots of paper
- Merging financials was biggest challenge



# The Challenges of Getting Approval

- Lots of perspectives both internal and external
- Corrections and changes with each review cycle
- Multiple reviewers on the federal level
- Changes occurring over the duration of the review cycle



# Is a Single IAPD Right for You?

- Is your MIS EBT Ready?
- Does your MIS support both paper and EBT?
- Can you roll out both MIS and EBT in the same timeframe?

*What do I have to do to get you into a single IAPD today?*



WARNING: Before starting or stopping any PAPD, PAPD-U, or IAPD be sure to consult with your ~~doctor~~ regional officer.

# Considering a Single IAPD?

- Discuss with your region
- Talk to other states doing it
- Try to get approval as early in the process as possible
- Don't try to do it just to save paper. Make sure it fits your implementation approach.
- Create a quarterly budget showing both projects separately and combined.



# Lots of Opportunities

- Leverage the state(s) that most closely resemble your planned implementation
- Ask for templates, plans, spreadsheets developed for a particular project
- Stay aware of what is happening in other states to get an idea of how a combined project might work for your WIC program
  - Customizations to MIS systems
  - EBT Connectivity issues
  - Chain level integrations
- Sharing = Savings



...And All States Implemented EBT by 2020 and we all lived happily ever after.

