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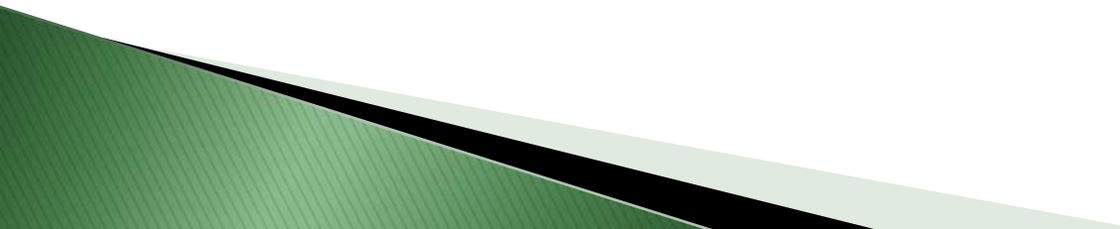
Federal Overview

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- ▶ FNS published the One Card paper on May 10, 2011
  - <http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/EBT/onecardconsiderations.htm>
- ▶ Purpose – Give WIC State Agencies solid information when they plan for EBT
- ▶ Two primary areas:
  - State Systems and Operations
  - Retail vendor Systems and Operations

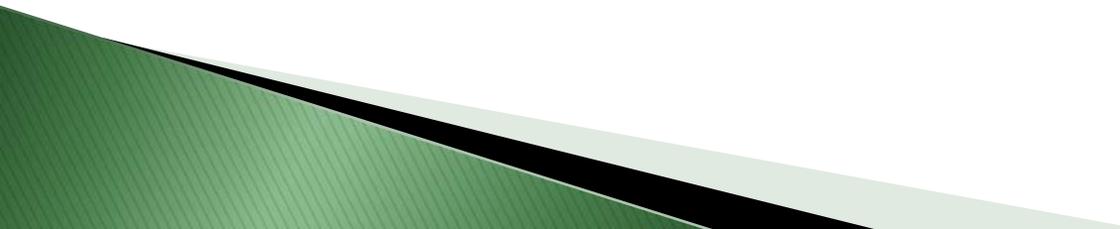
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## Definition of One Card

- ▶ Access to multiple programs using the same EBT card
  - ▶ Nevada and Michigan have cards that identify WIC but do not issue a single card that can access both WIC and SNAP or cash
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## History of One Card

- ▶ There was substantial interest in mid-1990's
  - ▶ Vice President Al Gore's EBT Task Force
  - ▶ Southern Alliance of States – combined State benefits with Social Security
  - ▶ WY and OH actually implemented SNAP & WIC with one card
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## State System and Operations Considerations

- ▶ Linking Household demographic records from two different sources
  - ▶ Managing demographic records as they change
  - ▶ Privacy of data – different program requirements
  - ▶ Card issuance and replacement
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## Retail Systems and Operations

- ▶ Integrated Mixed Basket functionality
  - Mixed basket allows all food and non-food items to be scanned at same time
  - Cash Register system will identify WIC eligible foods
  - Payment hierarchy – WIC more complex redeemed first
- ▶ Identify benefits by card numbering
  - First Six digits – called the BIN or IIN

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- ▶ PIN entry – generally only a single PIN entry is required
- ▶ PIN security – industry standards do not permit storing the PIN