



A Closer Look at the Final Rule

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Agenda

- Background
- New Questions
- Review of FAQs
 - Definitions
 - Cost Provisions
 - Equipage
- Outstanding Questions

Background

- FNS presented the final rule provisions to Regional Offices and State Agencies
- Questions collected and tracked over several months
- Research extended to other branches for consensus

New Questions

- Ask throughout presentation
- Unlisted questions may be published in a future Q&A
- Email WICEBTMIS@fns.usda.gov with “parking lot” questions for further research

Review of FAQs

- Definitions
 - Statewide
 - EBT Capable
 - Single-Function
 - Multi-Function

Definitions

When is a State agency considered to have statewide EBT?

Definitions

What does it mean to be EBT capable?

Definitions

What is the difference between multi-function and single-function equipment?

Definitions

Is a shared POS device supporting WIC and SNAP/cash EBT single-function or multi-function equipment?

Review of FAQs

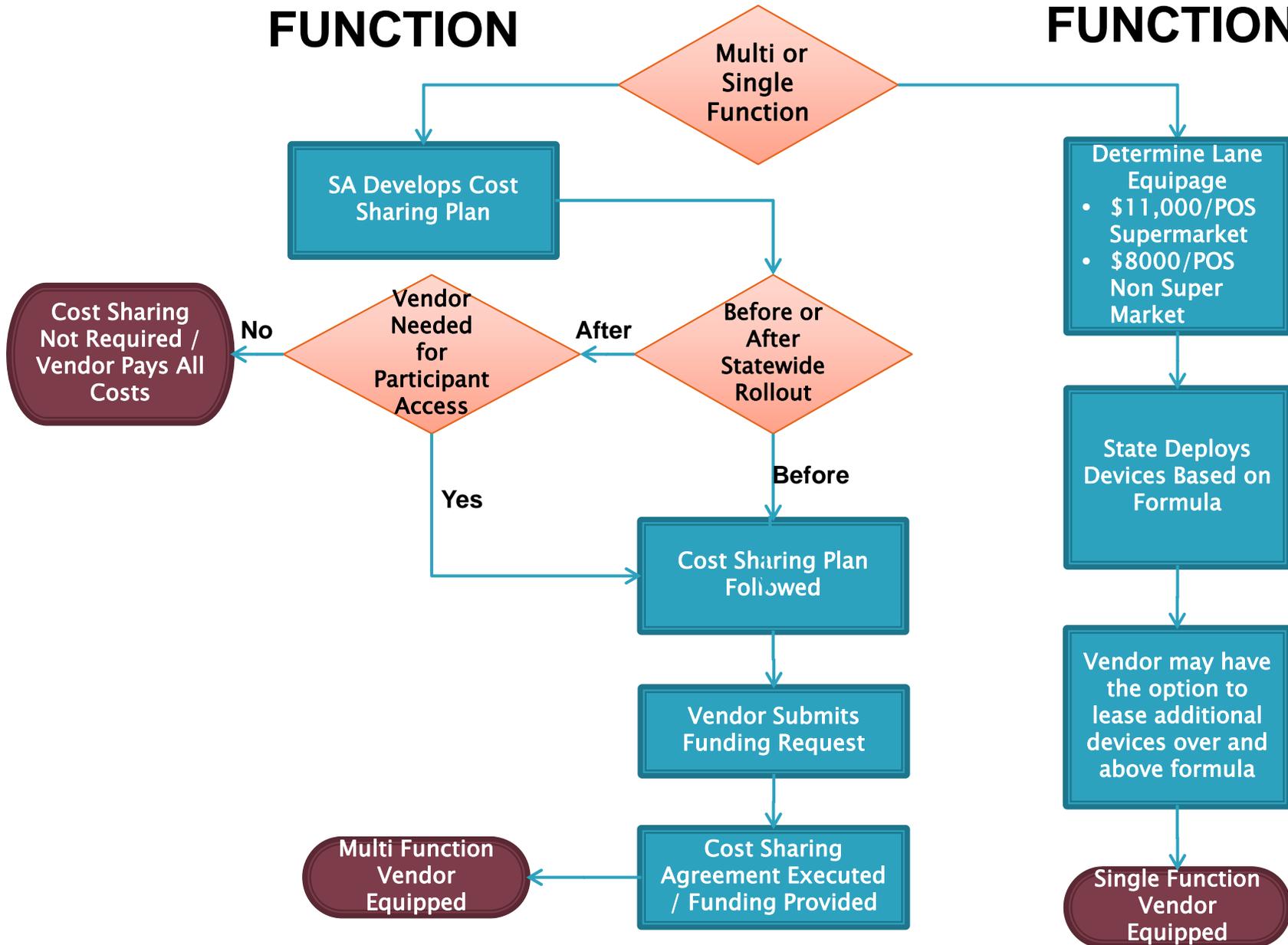
- Cost Provisions
 - Overview
 - Changes from Proposed Rule
 - Single-Function Support
 - Multi-Function Model
 - “Necessary for Participant Access”
 - Equipment Before Vendor Authorization
 - Ongoing M&O
 - Vendor Agreements



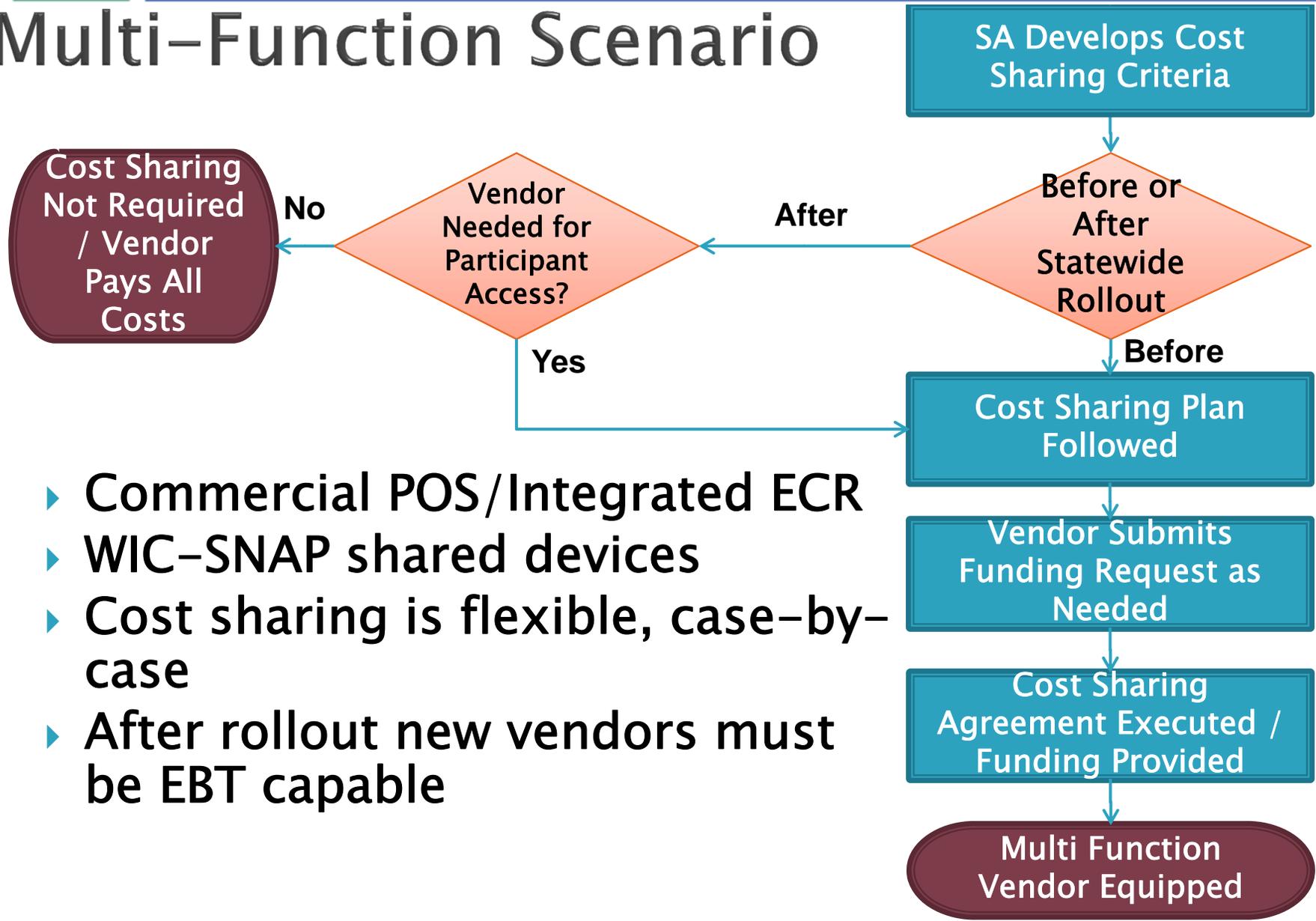
MULTI-FUNCTION

VS

SINGLE FUNCTION



Multi-Function Scenario

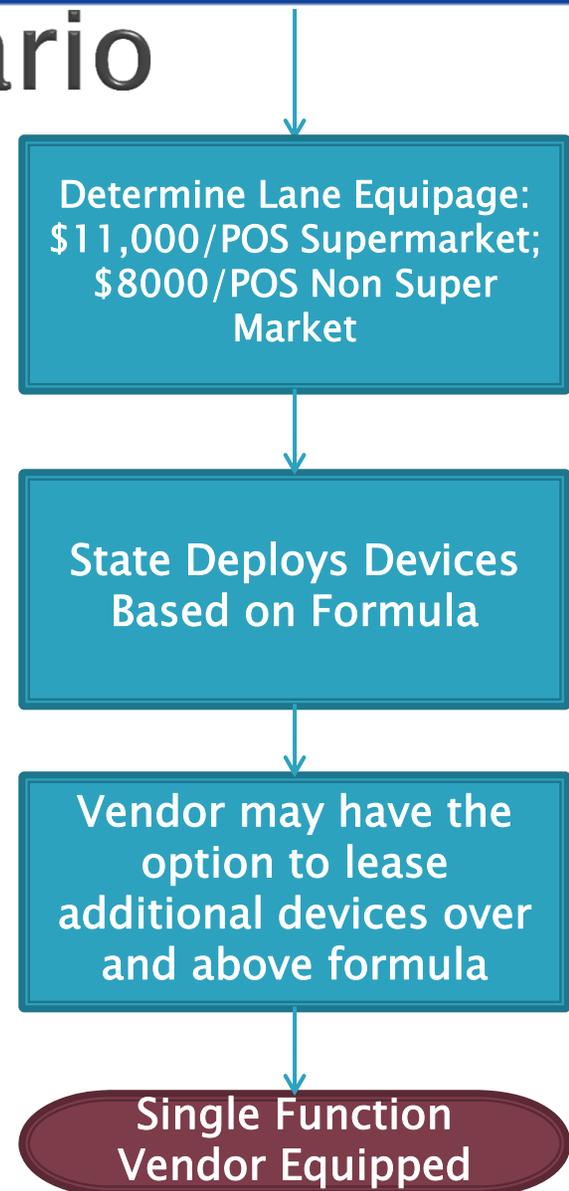


- ▶ Commercial POS/Integrated ECR
- ▶ WIC-SNAP shared devices
- ▶ Cost sharing is flexible, case-by-case
- ▶ After rollout new vendors must be EBT capable



Single Function Scenario

- ▶ “WIC Only”
- ▶ Change from proposed rule, States will continue to fund single-function equipment
- ▶ Only NSA used for ongoing support



Cost Provisions

How did the final rule change prohibitions against imposing costs on WIC vendors?

Cost Provisions

Are vendors required to obtain their own EBT equipment prior to authorization?

Cost Provisions

Can a State agency provide provisional authorization to a vendor applicant pending verification the vendor has EBT capable equipment?

Cost Provisions

Is a State agency able to charge any costs to WIC vendors for single-function equipment?

Cost Provisions

Will the State agency be responsible for paying ongoing maintenance and operational costs for new vendors approved after statewide implementation?

Cost Provisions

Can a State agency implement EBT that relies only on a commercial multi-function system?

Cost Provisions

Are State agencies required to implement new vendor agreements or amendments in order to comply with the new requirements in the EBT rule?

Review of FAQs

- Equipage
 - Minimum Lane Equipage
 - Supplementation
 - Lane Courtesies
 - Farmers and Farmers' Markets

Equipage

What are the minimum lane equipage requirements?

Equipage

Is a State agency required to provide single-function equipment to a vendor which does not have sufficient lanes equipped with multi-function equipment to meet the POS equipage standards?

Equipage

Does the POS equipage formula apply to multi-function equipment operating in an authorized vendor location?

Equipage

If a WIC vendor's redemption level only qualifies the vendor for a single POS device, how can WIC participants be served using a single checkout lane without causing potential stigma?

Equipage

Are State agencies required to equip farmers and farmers' markets according to the POS equipage formula?

Equipage

If a State agency opts to provide single-function equipment to authorized farmers or farmers' markets, is it required to support that equipment?

Equipage

Are authorized farmers and farmers' markets required to accept WIC EBT by 2020?

Equipage

**Do customer service standards
apply to WIC vendors?**

Outstanding Questions

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