



Issuing Food Benefits in Cascades WIC Cards, Family Issuance Day, and More

Office of Nutrition Services



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ISSUING WIC CARDS Important things to know



ISSUING A WIC CARD IN CASCADES

- Enter a date of birth for all participants and adults listed in the file.
 - Cascades requires a date of birth for any person who might receive a WIC Card.
- Benefits are in the Electronic Benefit Account (EBA), not on the card.
 - Participants set up a Personal Identification Number (PIN), then use the WIC Card and enter the PIN at the store to access the EBA and purchase the foods.

TIP!

Verify the date of birth for all participants and adults **before** pressing the Certify button



ISSUING A WIC CARD IN CASCADES

E	BT Cards		
	Select Cardholder Image: PARENTONE CERTIFICATION (Parent/Guardian1) Image: PARENTTWO CERTIFICATION (Parent/Guardian2) Image: HELPFUL FRIEND (Proxy1) Image: GRANDMA CERTIFICATION (CareTaker)	*	Card Number 6058609300001357

- 1. Things to know about the Cardholder
 - Select the Cardholder and issue one WIC Card per family
 - Each foster child is considered a family of one and receives a separate WIC Card and is the Cardholder
 - The <u>Cardholder's</u> date of birth and zip code are used when setting the PIN
 - Note: If a mailing address and physical address are entered in Cascades, the mailing address zip code is used when setting the PIN

ISSUING A WIC CARD IN CASCADES

E	BT Cards	
	- Select Cardholder	
	PARENTONE CERTIFICATION (Parent/Guardian1)	
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	HELPFUL FRIEND (Proxy1)	
	GRANDMA CERTIFICATION (CareTaker)	

- 2. Issue the WIC Card to the cardholder **before** issuing food benefits
 - Place the cursor in the Card Number field and SWIPE the card in the signature pad/card reader
 - The person doesn't sign for the card, but does sign for each food benefit issuance



FAMILY ISSUANCE DAY Defining the benefit issuance cycle



WHAT IS THE FAMILY ISSUANCE DAY?

The Family Issuance Day defines the benefit cycle



FAMILY ISSUANCE DAY

Day of the month the family's food benefits are available to purchase in the EBA

Example Benefit Cycle with Family Issuance Day = 21ST

First Date to Spend: 6/21/2023 Last Date to Spend: 7/20/2023

FAMILY ISSUANCE DAY

Family Issuance Day	Configuration 🕜 💌
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System Defined

Cascades sets the **System Defined** Family Issuance Day when the first person in the family is certified

- All participants in the family have the same issuance day.
- Cascades prorates benefits for a new participant in the family when needed to align their benefits with the Family Issuance Day.
- The person receives full food benefits for future months.

Custom

Staff can change the Family Issuance Day to a **Custom** date in limited situations

- Staff can only change the Family Issuance Day when there are no current or future benefits issued.
- Current means within the First and Last Date to Spend, even if all the benefits have been purchased.
- Cascades doesn't allow benefit dates to overlap.

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PRORATION Food for the time remaining in the benefit cycle



What is Proration?

Proration means reducing food benefits to provide the appropriate amount for the time remaining in the participant's benefit issuance cycle

- Most WIC programs prorate food benefits
- FNS encourages proration to prevent over-issuance and inappropriate selling of WIC food and formula

Washington WIC uses ¼ proration

- Food benefits decrease by a set amount every 7 days past the Family Issuance Day
- Some foods **don't** prorate

Days After Family Issuance Day	Food Package Size
1-7	Full package
8 - 15	¾ package
16 – 23	½ package
24 - 31	¼ package

The Cascades Staff Tool: Family Issuance Day and Proration and Volume 1, Chapter 22 – Issue WIC Food Benefits have more information and examples of proration

Cascades calculates the most food benefits participants can receive

Sometimes changing the Family Issuance Day to prevent prorating food benefits actually decreases the foods the family receives by eliminating a month of prorated benefits

Issue	Food Inst	uments					0				
Con	figuration										
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	Pregnan	PREGNANT PRORATION	11/30/2019	1/4	Full	Full	Change Rx				
V	Infant	BABY PRORATION	12/31/2019	1/4	Full	Full	Change Rx				

Let's see an example with the "Proration" family

Proration family scenario: Staff don't change the Family Issuance Day

- The "Proration" family missed their appointment in June
- They come to the clinic July 15th for food benefit issuance
- The family's System Defined Family Issuance Day is the 21st
 - This defines the family's benefit issuance cycle as follows: Current: 6/21/23 – 7/20/23 (family is in on 7/15/23)
 Future: 7/21/23 – 8/20/23
- Since June benefits are still current, Cascades will issue prorated June benefits (¼ benefits) and full benefits for July and August

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		Infant	BABY PRORATION		12/31/2019		1/4	Ful	Full	Change Rx

Proration family scenario: Staff do change the Family Issuance Day

- Using the same scenario, let's see what happens if staff change the issuance day.
- Since there aren't any current or future benefits issued, Cascades allows staff to change the System Defined Family Issuance Day from the 21st to the 15th
 - If staff change the Family Issuance Day to the 15th, it changes the family's benefit issuance cycle as follows:

Current: 7/15/23 – 8/14/23 (family is in on 7/15/23) **Future:** 8/15/23 – 9/14/23

 June benefits are no longer current and Cascades must remove them. <u>The family</u> <u>won't receive any June benefits</u>.

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] Category	Participa	int		Certification End Date	Jul	Aug	Sep	
	Pregnant	PREGNANT PRORATION		11/30/2019		Full	Full	Full	Change Rx
	Infant	BABY PRORATION		12/31/2019		Full	Full	Full	Change Rx

Family Issuance Day – best practices:

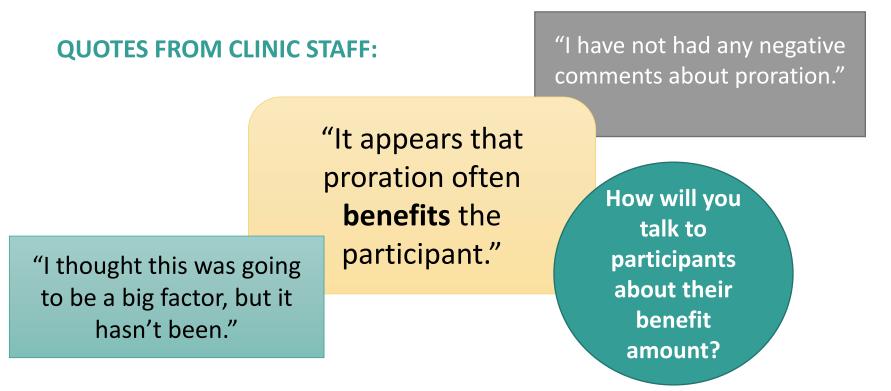
- Use the **System Defined** Family Issuance Day
- Let Cascades calculate the food benefit amount
- Schedule food benefit issuance either shortly before or within 7 days after the Family Issuance Day
- Only change the Family Issuance Day when there's a need to "reset" the issuance day



Talking about Proration with Participants

Proration provides the amount of food for the time left in the benefit cycle

All the days of the benefit cycle are covered





REPLACE FOOD AND FORMULA BENEFITS Flowchart to Guide the Process



Replace Food and Formula Benefits in Cascades

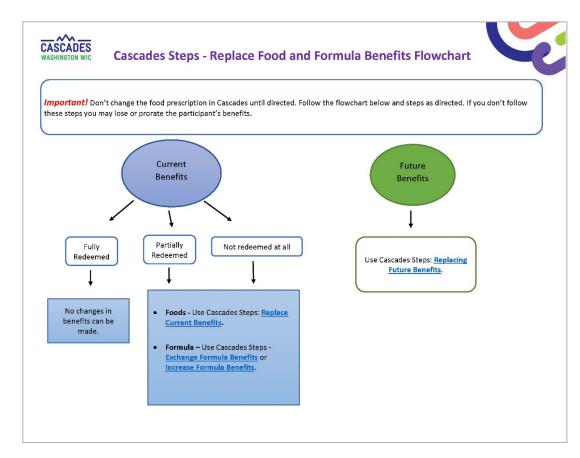
There are many things to consider when replacing food and formula benefits in Cascades

Starting in the right direction can save **time**, **energy**, and prevent **issues**



We'll review the different ways to replace food and formula in Cascades and the **Cascades Steps** available to assist you with each process

Replace Food and Formula Benefits in Cascades



Replace Food and Formula Benefits Flowchart

- Use this Flowchart and the Cascades Food Instrument List (shown on the next slide) to identify the right process to replace food and formula benefits
- The Flowchart links to the specific Cascades Steps to assist you

Cascades Food Instrument List

1. Check the First and Last Date to Spend

- See if current or future benefits are issued
- Note if the First Date to Spend is more or less than 7 days ago
- 2. Check the Status of the benefits
 - **Issued** benefits were issued, but no benefits were redeemed (purchased)
 - Redeemed some or all the benefits were purchased
 - Voided the benefits were voided and aren't available to purchase
- 3. Review the Shopping List to see what benefits remain

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Fam	ly Fo	od Inst	amento						Total Items: 10 🕢
		Serial #	First Date to Spend	Last Date to Spend	Status	Issue Date	Print Date	Voided Date	Void Reason
	P	3328	3/26/2019	4/25/2019	Redeemed	3/26/2019			
	P	3329	4/26/2019	5/25/2019	Voided	3/26/2019		4/23/2019	Food Prescription Change
	P	3330	5/26/2019	6/25/2019	Voided	3/26/2019		4/23/2019	Food Prescription Change
	P	6947	4/23/2019	4/25/2019	Issued	4/23/2019			
	P	6948	4/26/2019	5/25/2019	Redeemed	4/23/2019			
	P	6949	5/26/2019	6/25/2019	Voided	4/23/2019		5/24/2019	Food Prescription Change
	ρ	9583	5/17/2019	5/25/2019	Redeemed	5/17/2019			
	P	10296	5/26/2019	6/25/2019	Redeemed	5/24/2019			
	P	14277	6/26/2019	7/25/2019	Redeemed	6/26/2019			
	P	14278	7/26/2019	8/25/2019	Issued	6/26/2019			
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Void Selected

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Replace

Determine the Process for Replacing Benefits

Current Benefits					
Fully Redeemed (all foods purchased)	Can't replace benefits				
Partially Redeemed (some foods purchased)	Can replace remaining benefits Replace Current Benefits (for foods) Exchange/Increase Formula (for formula) 				
Not Redeemed at all (issued, no purchases)	 Can replace all benefits Compare today's date to First Date to Spend (FDTS) If today's date is more than 7 days past the FDTS Replace Current Benefits (for foods) Exchange/Increase Formula (for formula) 				
	 If todays' date is less than 7 days past the FDTS Void benefits, then Issue 				
Future Benefits					
Issued	Can replace all benefits Void benefits, then Issue We'll review TIPS for each process 				
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Replace Current Benefits

Existing FI De	tails		Т	'otal Items: 9 🕜	Replacement FI Details		Тс	otal Items: 11 📿
	category	Subcategory	Quantity	Unit of Measure	Category	Subcategory	Quantity	Unit of Measure
Breakfast Cereal		Cereal All WIC -hot /cold	72	Ounce	Cheese or Tofu	Cheese - all WIC	2	Pound
Juice - 46/48 oz		Juice - All WIC - 12 oz frozen or 46/48 oz liquid	3	CTNR	Legumes	Peanut Butter/Beans All WIC	3	CTNR
Juice - 64 oz		Juice - All WIC - 64 oz carton	2	CTNR	Eggs	Eggs - all WIC	2	Dozen
Fruit & Vegetables	Cash Value	Fruit and Vegetables - Cash Value Voucher	\$19.00	\$\$\$\$	Bread/Whole Grains	Whole Wheat Bread or Whole Grains	48	Ounce
Milk - whole		Milk - Whole All WIC-Cow, Goat, Lactose Free	8	Gallon	Milk - whole	Milk - Whole All WIC-Cow, Goat, Lactose Free	3.50	Gallon
Bread/Whole Grains	S	Whole Wheat Bread or Whole Grains	48	Ounce	Fruit & Vegetables Cash Value	Fruit and Vegetables - Cash Value Voucher	\$19.00	\$\$\$\$
Eggs		Eggs - all WIC	2	Dozen	Juice - 64 oz	Juice - All WIC - 64 oz carton	2	CTNR
Legumes		Peanut Butter/Beans All WIC	3	CTNR	Breakfast Cereal	Cereal All WIC -hot /cold	72	Ounce
Cheese or Tofu		Cheese - all WIC		Pound	Milk - Fat Reduced	Evaporated milk (concentrated liquid) - Reduced		Gallon
					Milk - Fat Reduced	Milk or Soy(1% & Nonfat) All WIC-Cow,Goat,Sov	2.50	Gallon
					Juice - 46/48 oz	Juice - All WIC - 12 oz frozen or 46/48 oz liquid	3	CTNR
Participants			Т	otal Items: 2 🕐				
WIC Category	First Name	Last Name	Date of Birt	h				
Р	EXAMPLE	CERTIFICATION	6/17/1993	Change Rx				
С	CHILD	CERTIFICATION	2/5/2017	Change Rx				

TIPS FOR REPLACING CURRENT BENEFITS

- Use the **Replace Current Benefits** screen for <u>foods</u> only (not formula).
- Use the **Change Rx button** on the Replace Current Benefits screen to change the food prescription.
 - If you don't use the Change Rx button, you may prorate the benefits.
- Review the **Replacement Food Instrument (FI) Details** to make sure you have the right replacement foods.
- **Print the Shopping List** to verify the new foods were issued.

Use the **Cascades Steps – <u>Replace Current Benefits</u>** to guide you

Exchange or Increase Formula Benefits

Use this screen to exchange or increase current month formula benefits

• Exchange or Increase Fo	rmula				0
C Select the Formula Being	Returned				
Food Category	Food Subcategory	Quantity in Hand Quantity from			
Infant Formula (IF)	Similac Total Comfort Powder 12 oz	Cans	Cans		
Current Month EBT Ben	anfit Palanca				Total Items: 0
	Food Category			Subcategory	Quantity UoM
	rood category			subcatego, j	quantity out
				Cana Originalia	Issued: 0 Total Returned Cans: 0
				RFO Newly Prescribed: 696.00 Cans Newly Pre	
					Total Cans: 6
					Total RFO: 540.00
Select the Replacement F	ormula]
Food Category	Food Subcategory	Total Replaced Cans 6			
Infant Formula (IF)	Similac Total Comfort Powder 12 oz	0			

Use these Cascades Steps to guide you:

- Increase Formula
- Exchange Formula

TIPS FOR EXCHANGING FORMULA BENEFITS

- Add the new formula to the food prescription first, before zeroing the quantity of the previous formula.
- If Medical Documentation is involved:
 - Expire existing Medical Documentation first.
 - Wait to enter new Medical Documentation until prompted by Cascades when adding the new formula.
- Cascades calculates the correct amount of formula to exchange based on the formula type and can size of the replacement formula.

TIPS FOR INCREASING FORMULA BENEFITS

- Most often used to increase formula for a partially breastfed infant.
- A Breastfeeding Review is required.
- Update breastfeeding and formula information on the Health Information screen. (Update the baby's screen first)
- Create a new prescription for the infant to reflect the increase in formula, update mom's prescription as needed.
 - Create the infant's prescription first ("feed the baby first"), then update the mom's prescription as needed ("go see mom")
- You can only increase formula 2 times in a month.

Void and Reissue Benefits

Use the **Food Instrument List** to Void benefits Use the **Issue Food Instruments** screen to reissue benefits

Family Issuance	Members						Total Item	ns: 2 🦿
Category	Participant		Certification End Date	Jun	Jul	Aug		
Pregnant	Olivia R. Jaekel	7/25/2019		1/4	Full	Not Eligible	Chan	ge Rx
Child	Ashton M. Shaw	7/31/2019		1/4	Full	Not Eligible	Chan	ge Rx
FDTS: 7/22/20	119 - LDTS: 7/24/2019						Total Items	s: 9 🕐
	Food Category		Subo	category			Quantity	UOM
Juice - 46/48 oz Breakfast Cereal			Juice - All WIC - 12 oz frozen or 46/48 oz liquid Cereal All WIC -hot /cold				1 24	CTNR Ounce
Eggs			Fresh shell eggs				24	Dozen
Fruit & Vegetables C	ash Value		Fresh Fruit and Vegetables				\$19.00	\$\$\$\$
Mik - Fat Reduced			Low Fat Milk (1% fat)				2.25	Gallon
Cheese or Tofu			Cheese				2	Pound
Juice - 64 oz			Juice, ready-to-drink 64 oz				1	CTNR
Bread/Whole Grains			Whole Wheat Bread or Whole Grains				32	Ounce
Legumes			Peanut Butter/Beans All WIC				2	CTNR
FDTS: 7/25/20	19 - LDTS: 8/24/2019						Total	Items: 0
	Food Category		Subo	category			Quantity	UOM
Juice - 46/48 oz			Juice - All WIC - 12 oz frozen or 46/48 oz liquid				3	CTNR
Breakfast Cereal			Cereal All WIC -hot /cold				72	Ounce
Eggs			Fresh shell eggs				2	Dozen
Fruit & Vegetables C	ash Value		Fresh Fruit and Vegetables				\$19.00	\$\$\$\$
Milk - Fat Reduced			Low Fat Milk (1% fat)				8	Gallon
Cheese or Tofu			Cheese				2	Pound
Juice - 64 oz			Juice, ready-to-drink 64 oz				2	CTNR
Bread/Whole Grains			Whole Wheat Bread or Whole Grains				48	Ounce
Legumes			Peanut Butter/Beans All WIC				3	CTNR

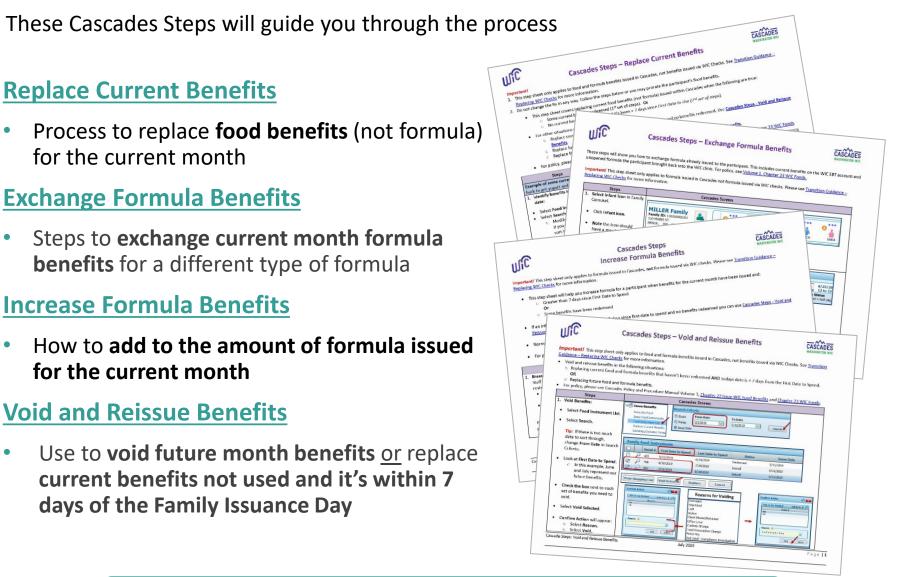
Use the Cascades Steps – Void and Reissue Benefits to guide you

TIPS FOR VOIDING AND REISSUING BENEFITS

- Void benefits as appropriate.
 - Void current benefits when no benefits were used and it's within 7 days of the Family Issuance Day.
 - Void future benefits.
- Create the new food prescription (only create a new prescription if you can't edit the most current one).
- Verify all the dates and foods are correct before issuing the replacement benefits.
- You may need to adjust the Issuance Frequency to make sure you reissue only the number of months intended.

CASCADES STEPS – The right tools for the job

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Cascades Steps are available on the WIC website Google search WA WIC Cascades for Cascades Steps and more!



ISSUE BENEFITS AT 1 AND 5 YEARS OLD Tips and Guidance



Foods in the month the infant turns 1 year



Participants receive:

- Infant foods when the First Date to Spend is prior to the 1st birthday
- Child foods when the First Date to Spend is on or after the 1st birthday

If the Parent Guardian prefers child foods:

 Staff can issue foods to the other members of the family and <u>wait</u> to issue foods to the child on or after the 1st birthday:

NOTE: the child's benefits will be prorated if issued more than 7 days after the Family Issuance Day.

Foods in the month the infant turns 1 year



If infant food benefits were issued and the parent makes the request after the 1st birthday:

- If no benefits were redeemed for the infant or any member of the family void and reissue with the child benefits.
- If any member of the family redeemed benefits, staff can't replace the infant formula or foods with child foods.

Foods in the month the child turns 5 years

Eligibility ends date

 Eligibility ends the last day of the month the child turns 5 years of age

Issuing food benefits

- Staff can issue benefits on or before the eligibility end date (the last day of the month)
- Cascades won't issue benefits with a First Date to Spend that's after the eligibility ends date

Redeeming and replacing benefits

- The participant has the full amount of time to redeem the benefits
- Staff can replace benefits within the First and Last Date to Spend, even if the participant is expired





TROUBLESHOOTING BENEFIT ISSUANCE Solving common issues





WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU CAN'T ISSUE BENEFITS

Solutions for common issues



Help is available in many forms!

- Cascades Support
- Washington WIC website
 Staff Tools
 - Cascades Steps

Top solutions from Troubleshooting Common Issues

CAN'T ISSUE BENEFITS

Check the Journal of Transactions for

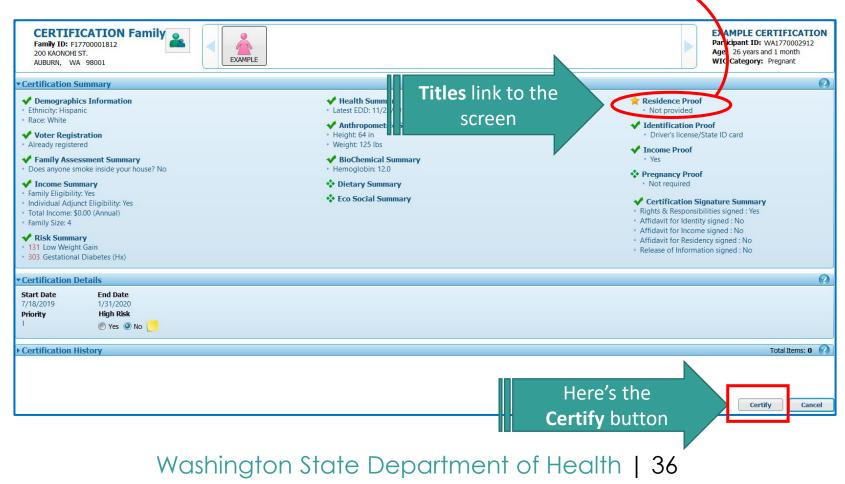
- **Certification** if missing, make sure the **Certify** button was pressed (on the Certification Summary screen)
- WIC EBT Card Issuance displays when staff issue a WIC Card to the family or foster child
- Foods Prescribed press the Save button on the Prescribe Food screen
- WIC Food Instrument Issuance shows benefits were issued

Select Participan	t or Family Select Activity	Start Date End Date			
CHILD CERTIFICA		6/18/2019 🗊 7/18/2019			
Towns and the D					
Transaction H	istory				
Occurrence Date	Activity Description	Participant Name			
7/18/2019	Certification	CHILD CERTIFICATION			
	Food Descentional	CHILD CERTIFICATION			
7/18/2019	Food Prescribed	CHIED CERTIFICATION	CHILD CERTIFICATION		
7/18/2019 7/18/2019	WIC EBT Card Issuance				
7/18/2019	WIC EBT Card Issuance	CHILD CERTIFICATION			

CAN'T ISSUE BENEFITS

Check for Missing Proofs

The **Certification Summary** screen lists missing proofs



CAN'T ISSUE BENEFITS

Check for *expired* Medical Documentation Forms

- Be sure to enter the correct **Expiration Date**
- The default is one month

Attach Medical Documer Prescription Dates Effective Date * 7/18/2019	Expiration Date ★ 8/18/2019	Prescription Date 7/18/2019	
Diagnosis InformationMedical Reason *Failure to thrive	ICD Code ≠	OR Diagnosis Code 🖈	
Physician Information Physician's Name 🖈 Smith	Physician's Phone 🗯 (253) 555-1212	Physician's Email	Me

Not sure what benefits are issued and available

The **Shopping List** shows

- What foods are issued to the EBA
- Foods <u>currently</u> available to purchase

Washington State WIC Nutrition Program Date: 06/21/2019 Family ID: F02700002115 Head of Household: CELERY VEGGIE				Each time you access the		
	Benefit Ba	lance:		Shopping List it's		
Benefit Month	Serial Number	Quantity	иом	Description		
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SUMMARY AND NEXT STEPS

By reviewing this training and the Cascades Steps referenced, you've:

- Reviewed tips for issuing a WIC card to families and foster children
- Learned about the Family Issuance Day and proration
- Reviewed the different processes for replacing food and formula benefits
- Compared issuing benefits to participants in the month they turn 1 and 5 years of age
- Reviewed techniques to troubleshoot common issues

Note:

- You won't be able practice all the scenarios in this presentation in the Sandbox (for example issuing WIC Cards and replacing benefits that have been purchased).
- We hope you'll practice all the types of food issuance and replacement that you **can** to become more familiar and comfortable with food issuance in Cascades.

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