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Electronic Benefit cards (eWIC) soon available to WIC participants!

JOHNSON COUNTY, KAN. (Jan 8, 2018) The Johnson County WIC program will start offering electronic benefit cards on January 11, 2018. Johnson County is part of the first tier of roll-outs for eWIC across the state of Kansas. Paper checks will no longer be issued to WIC families.

The Johnson County WIC offices (Olathe and Mission) will be closed on January 10th to get ready for the eWIC roll-out. The offices will re-open on January 11th.

There will be many benefits for clients, vendors who authorize WIC foods, and the WIC programs across the state:

- The cards will allow the clients anonymity when conducting WIC transactions at the registers. The cards will be swiped through the card readers currently in place at the grocery stores like any debit or credit card would.
- Clients will be able to buy what they need and when they need it.
- Their benefits for everyone in the family will be on one card and the date of use will be the same for all family members.
- Vendors will not have to conduct separate transactions for clients with WIC benefits.
- Local agencies will use far less paper and won't have to have clients exchange checks when they need to alter their food packages.

Clients currently have the ability to download the WIC Shopper App that will help them determine what benefits are left to purchase on their cards. The app also lets clients scan a food item to see if it is WIC approved or not.

For more information about eWIC, please call the WIC phone line at 913-826-1302 or 913-477-8330.

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