

June 9, 2004

TO: WIC State Agency Program Directors
All States

This is to inform you that the Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has decided to *withdraw* the Request for Applications (RFA) for Funding Under *the Full Competition solicitation* for WIC Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) grant funds for Fiscal Year (FY) 2004.

On April 30, 2004, FNS announced the opportunity for WIC State agencies to submit grant applications for two separate application processes: (1) a limited competition to support the immediate funding needs of State agencies with existing WIC EBT pilot projects, and (2) a full competition open to *all* WIC State agencies to support pilots to test upgrades or alternatives to current EBT technology. Several recent developments in ongoing WIC EBT projects indicate that the immediate funding needs of existing projects will be greater than previously anticipated. As a result, we now believe that the full amount of EBT funds available for FY 2004 will be needed to meet these immediate needs. Because funding is insufficient to award grants for new EBT initiatives, we must withdraw the RFA for funding under the full competition.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your understanding. If there are questions regarding the FY 2004 WIC EBT Pilot Project Grants Request for Applications, please contact Lisa Johnson of the Grants Management Division at 703-305-2848.

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