

To: eGovernment Payments Council

From: Kurt Helwig

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Re: USDA FNS WIC Task Force on Supplemental Food Delivery

I am pleased to announce that I have received an invitation to participate in USDA's FNS Task Force on Supplemental Food Delivery in the WIC program. The purpose of the Task Force "is to draw on the experience of WIC Program partners and participants, and study measures to streamline how WIC benefits are redeemed to promote convenience, safety, and equitable access to supplemental foods, including infant formula, for participants. The Task Force will study:

- (a) ordering and curbside pickup of, and payment for, WIC supplemental foods, both online and via telephone;
- (b) purchases of supplemental foods online and via telephone;
- (c) home delivery of supplemental foods;
- (d) self-checkout for purchases of supplemental foods; and
- (e) other measures that limit or eliminate participant presence in a physical store."

The kickoff meeting for the Task Force will be held March 24. The recommendations of the Task Force will be reflected in a report submitted to USDA by September 30, 2021.

I look forward to serving on the Task Force and representing the views and subject matter expertise of Council members.