Description of Utah Food Delivery System

    I.   Utah utilizes a retail purchase delivery system. This system is implemented with the use of the Utah WIC ID Packet and the redemption of WIC Checks at Utah authorized vendors.

    II.   At the WIC vendor, the participant exchanges the WIC check for the appropriate authorized WIC food item(s) in the quantities and sizes specified on the check. The vendor ensures that the check is properly completed and the authorized signature is obtained on the front of the check. The vendor places their specific authorized vendor identification number/date used stamp on the check and deposits the check into the bank similar to other checks. The bank screens for the following edit criteria and rejects the check if any of the following are determined:

        a.   Missing or unauthorized vendor number stamp;
        b.   Missing or unauthorized authorized signature;
        c.   Missing or altered purchase price/amount;
        d.   Alteration of food item quantities;
        e.   Checks redeemed prior to the First Day To Use, after the Last Day to Use, and more than 60 days from the First Day To Use;
        f.   Checks redeemed greater than three standard deviations of the food item average cost based on the vendor peer grouping or greater than the maximum value of the check ($120). Cash-value vouchers redeemed greater than the specified maximum value in the description line;
        g.   Checks that have no record of issuance by the local clinic;
        h.   Checks that have been voided by the clinic as "S" Stolen;
        i.   Checks that have been identified as a "stop payment" by the State Agency;
        j.   Checks missing the date of transaction imprinted on the front of the check; and
        k.   Checks with any handwriting of the vendor ID number or the date redeemed.
        l.   Any checks with any completion of an unreadable stamp or change to correct a date with handwriting.

    III.   If all edit criteria are met, the Bank pays the check. If any edit criteria is missing or incorrect, the bank returns the check to the redeeming vendor unpaid.

    IV.   Multiple check issuance: Checks may be issued to participants either one, two, or three months at a time. All checks will be printed with a "First Date to Use" and a "Last Date to Use" and must be redeemed within the acceptance period that is indicated.