

## Peer Review Plan

Preliminary Title: Where Do WIC Participants Redeem Their Food Benefits? An Analysis of WIC Food Dollar Redemption Patterns by Store Type

Type of Report (ERR, EIB, EB, TB, SOR,) EIB

Agency: Economic Research Service [X] Influential Scientific Information  
USDA [ ] Highly Influential Scientific Assessment

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Subject of Review: The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) provides participants with a supplemental food package that participants redeem via one or more distribution systems, such as retail food stores, direct distribution centers, home food delivery contractors, and/or pharmacies. This study provides the first systematic look at what distribution systems are used where, the types of retail food stores that are authorized by the program, and where participants redeem their food benefits. Because most WIC food benefits are quantity- rather than dollar-specific, WIC participants who purchase their WIC foods at retail stores may have less incentive to shop at large lower-priced stores.

Purpose of Review: The purpose of the review is to ensure the high-quality of the economic analysis, transparent explanation of methods, objective interpretation of results, and effective communication to the intended audience.

Type of Review: [ ] Panel Review [X] Individual Reviewers

[ ] Alternative Process (Briefly Explain):

Timing of Review (Est.): Start: 07/22/15 End: 1/14/2016 Completed: 1/14/2016

Number of Reviewers: [ ] 3 or fewer [X] 4 to 10 [ ] More than 10

Primary Disciplines/Types of Expertise Needed for Review: Economists

Reviewers selected by: [X] Agency [ ] Designated Outside Organization  
Organization's Name:

Opportunities for Public Comment? [ ] Yes [X] No

If yes, briefly state how and when these opportunities will be provided:

How:

When:

Peer Reviewers Provided with Public Comments? [ ] Yes [X] No

Public Nominations Requested for Review Panel? [ ] Yes [X] No

