NYS NYWIC/eWIC Project Timeline

ACTIVITY	SCHEDULE
✓ Design & Development ✓ Testing ✓ Training	January 2017 – December 2017 January 2018 – March 2018 April 2018
✓ Pilot Counties: Albany, Schenectady & Rensselaer	April 30, 2018 – July 31, 2018
✓ Pilot Evaluation	August 2018
→ Statewide Implementation	September 2018 – April 2019

- ✓ NYWIC is the WIC Program's Management Information System (MIS) necessary for issuing WIC benefits to participants.

- ✓ eWIC is the transition from paper checks to an Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) System for redemption of WIC benefits.

- ✓ Both systems have gone through design and development in 2017 and testing and training early in 2018.

- ✓ In April 2018, NYS WIC prepared for launch of the pilot phase.

- ✓ On April 30, 2018 the eWIC pilot was launched at the first WIC Clinic and 8 large chain vendors were certified to accept eWIC cards and 5 independent vendors were set up with an eWIC Stand Beside Point of Sale (POS) device.

- ✓ Statewide implementation began on September 24, 2018 as eWIC went live in several additional counties.

- ✓ Transition to eWIC continues to Central and Western NY in October and November. Starting December 2018 through April 2019, WIC local agencies in the Lower Hudson Valley, Long Island and the five boroughs will move to eWIC. **It is essential for WIC vendors to be eWIC ready before implementation in their area!**