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Association of Remote vs In-person Benefit Delivery With WIC Participation During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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Between April and June 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, 29.5% of children in the US, predominantly from low-income families and racial and ethnic minority groups, experienced household food insecurity.1 The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a key source of nutritional support for women and children living in poverty. WIC benefits are currently issued on electronic benefits transfer (EBT) debit cards, which can be used to purchase WIC-approved food and beverage products.

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