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Introduction

Services of the financial industry include the exchange of electronic messages relating to financial transactions. Electronic benefits transfer (EBT) services allow the exchange of these messages to process federal and state government benefits for recipients. The USDA Food Stamps program is one of these services. This American National Standard is designed as an interface specification enabling messages to be exchanged between the various parties involved in the program. It is the first standard for the area of electronic benefit transfer and conforms to the current industry practices.

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Financial Transaction Messages – Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) – Food stamps

1 Scope

This standard provides all parties involved in Electronic Benefits Transfer (EBT) transactions for Food Stamps with technical specifications for exchanging financial transaction messages between an acquirer and an EBT card issuer processor.

It specifies message structure, format and content, data elements and values for data elements used in the Food Stamp program. The method by which settlement takes place is not within the scope of this standard.

Data representation used in individual systems is subject to the commercial relationships between the parties contracting to each system. The message formats specified in this standard are designed to ensure that compatibility between systems conforming to this standard is always feasible.

2 Normative references

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ASC X9.10 Merchant category codes.

ANSI X9.8 – 1995: Banking – Personal Identification Number Management and Security – Part 1: PIN Protection Principles and Techniques; Part 2: Approved Algorithms for PIN Encipherment.

ANSI X9.19 – 1996: Financial Institution Retail Message Authentication.

ANSI X9.24 1998: Financial Services – Key Management Using the DEA.

ISO 3166: Codes for the representation of names of countries.

ISO 4217: Codes for the representation of currencies and funds.

ISO 7813: Identification cards – Financial transaction cards.

ISO 7372: Trade data interchange – Trade data elements directory (Endorsement of UNECE/TDED, sections 1,2,3,4 and 9).

ISO 9564-1: Banking – Personal identification number management and security – Part 1: PIN protection principles and techniques.