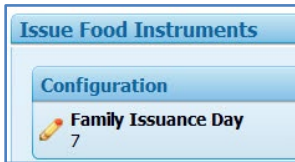


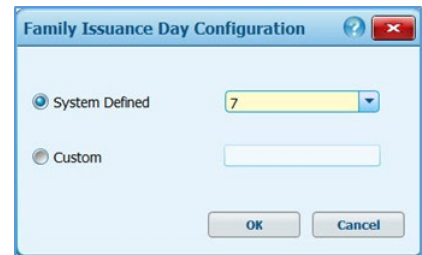
Family Issuance Day (FID)



The **Family Issuance Day (FID)** is the day of the month Cascades sets as the First Date to Spend for the family's food benefit issuance cycle.

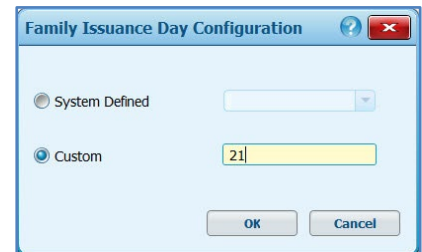
System Defined FID

- Cascades sets the **System Defined** FID when staff certify the first participant in the family.
- All participants in the family have the same issuance day.
- Cascades [prorates](#) food benefits for a new participant in the family when needed to align their benefits with the Family Issuance Day. The new participant receives full food benefits for future months.



Custom FID

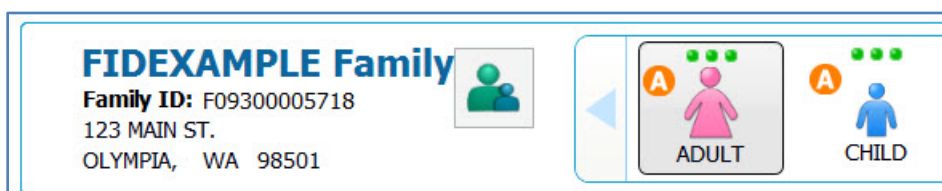
- Staff may change the Family Issuance Day to a **Custom** date when needed.
- Press the pencil icon on the **Issue Food Instruments** screen in the **Configuration** container (see above) to open the **Family Issuance Day Configuration** pop-up and change the FID to a custom date.



Change the Family Issuance Day

Staff can change the Family Issuance Day when there are no current or future benefits issued for any participant in the family. Staff may choose to do this when the family has a gap in benefits to “re-set” the issuance day and not prorate benefits.

Look for all green dots above each participant icon in the Family Carousel which means no current or future benefits are issued.





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Family Issuance Day (FID) and Proration



Proration

Proration is the practice of reducing the amount of some foods a participant receives depending on how many days remain before the next Family Issuance Day (how many days remain in the benefit issuance cycle). The intent is to issue the appropriate amount of WIC foods for the time remaining in the family’s benefit cycle.

- Cascades only prorates benefits for one month and issues the full food package for the following months.
- Cascades displays prorated benefits on the **Issue Food Instruments** screen.

May	Jun	Jul
1/2	Full	Full

Washington WIC uses ¼ proration

Cascades decreases some food benefits by about ¼ based on the number of days remaining between the First Date to Spend and the Last Date to Spend as shown below.

Number of Days between First Date to Spend and Last Date to Spend	Food Package Size
24 - 31	Full package
16 - 23	¾ package
8 - 15	½ package
1 - 7	¼ package

- For months that are 30 – 31 days, Cascades will prorate benefits 6 or 7 days after the FID because of the longer benefit issuance cycle.
- **February has a shorter issuance cycle and Cascades prorates benefits sooner, sometimes 5 days after the FID.**

The [Proration Examples](#) show prorated food benefits for each participant category.

Talking about food benefit proration

Here’s an example of how to talk about proration with participants:

“The amount of benefits our system issues depends on how many days remain before your next Family Issuance Day. If you receive benefits later than your Family Issuance Day our system may reduce some of the foods. The amount goes back to normal for the next month. Because of this we’ll try to schedule your appointments around the same time every month.”

Another concept or key phrase to use when talking about proration:

“All the days of your food benefit cycle are covered.”



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Proration Examples

Information:

- Since most participants want 1 pound of cheese as part of their food prescription, the Cascades default food prescriptions include 1 pound of cheese substituted for .75 gallons of milk. These examples use the default food prescription with 1 pound of cheese substituted for .75 gallon of milk.
- No other tailoring is included in these examples. If foods are substituted, like yogurt for milk, it would affect the milk amounts.

Pregnant				
WIC Food	Full food package	¾ food package	½ food package	¼ food package
Milk	4.75 gallons	3.75 gallons	2.50 gallons	1.25 gallons
Juice	3 containers	2 containers	2 containers	1 container
Cereal*	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces
Peanut butter/Beans	2 containers	2 containers	1 container	1 container
Bread/Whole Grains*	16 ounces	16 ounces	16 ounces	16 ounces
Eggs*	1 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen
Cheese*	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound
Fruits and Vegetables*	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00

* These foods don't prorate for the Pregnant participant.



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Proration Examples

Fully Breastfeeding				
WIC Food	Full food package	¾ food package	½ food package	¼ food package
Milk	6 gallons	4.5 gallons	3 gallons	1.50 gallons
Juice	3 containers	2 containers	2 containers	1 container
Cereal*	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces
Eggs	2 dozen	2 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen
Peanut butter/Beans	2 containers	2 containers	2 containers	1 container
Bread/Whole Grains*	16 ounces	16 ounces	16 ounces	16 ounces
Fish*	30 ounces	30 ounces	30 ounces	30 ounces
Cheese*	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound
Fruits and Vegetables*	\$49.00	\$49.00	\$49.00	\$49.00

* These foods don't prorate for the Fully Breastfeeding participant.

Non-Breastfeeding Postpartum				
WIC Food	Full food package	¾ food package	½ food package	¼ food package
Milk	3.25 gallons	2.5 gallons	1.75 gallons	1 gallon
Juice	2 containers	2 containers	1 container	1 container
Cereal	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces
Peanut butter/Beans*	1 container	1 container	1 container	1 container
Eggs*	1 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen
Cheese*	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound
Fruits and Vegetables*	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00	\$44.00

* These foods don't prorate for the Non-Breastfeeding Postpartum participant.



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Proration Examples

- Infant formula proration applies when changing from no formula to any formula.
- Proration doesn't apply when the infant received some formula and the amount is increasing or the formula type changes.

Fully Breastfed Infant 6 to 12 months of age				
WIC Food	Full food package	$\frac{3}{4}$ food package	$\frac{1}{2}$ food package	$\frac{1}{4}$ food package
Infant meats	77.5 ounces	58.5 ounces	39 ounces	19.5 ounces
Infant cereal*	24 ounces	24 ounces	24 ounces	24 ounces
Infant fruits and vegetables	256 ounces	192 ounces	128 ounces	64 ounces

Fully Formula Fed Infant 1 – 3 months of age				
WIC Food	Full food package	$\frac{3}{4}$ food package	$\frac{1}{2}$ food package	$\frac{1}{4}$ food package
Infant formula Similac Advance powder	9 cans	7 cans	5 cans	3 cans

Fully Formula Fed Infant 4 - 5 months of age				
WIC Food	Full food package	$\frac{3}{4}$ food package	$\frac{1}{2}$ food package	$\frac{1}{4}$ food package
Infant formula Similac Advance powder	10 cans	8 cans	5 cans	3 cans

Fully Formula Fed Infant 6 to 12 months of age				
WIC Food	Full food package	$\frac{3}{4}$ food package	$\frac{1}{2}$ food package	$\frac{1}{4}$ food package
Infant formula Similac Advance powder	7 cans	6 cans	4 cans	2 cans
Infant cereal*	24 ounces	24 ounces	24 ounces	24 ounces
Infant fruits and vegetables	128 ounces	96 ounces	64 ounces	32 ounces

* Infant cereal doesn't prorate.



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Proration Examples

WIC Food	Child			
	Full food package	¾ food package	½ food package	¼ food package
Milk	3.25 gallons	2.50 gallons	1.75 gallons	1 gallon
Juice	2 containers	2 containers	1 container	1 container
Cereal*	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces	36 ounces
Bread/Whole Grains*	32 ounces	32 ounces	32 ounces	32 ounces
Eggs*	1 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen	1 dozen
Peanut butter/Beans*	1 container	1 container	1 container	1 container
Cheese*	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound	1 pound
Fruits and Vegetables*	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$25.00

* These foods don't prorate for the Child participant.

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