Small stores may have stand-beside card readers. These work a little differently. Follow these helpful tips:

- **Hand your WIC Card to the cashier.** They’ll slide it for you.
- **Separate your WIC foods** from your other groceries.
- **Place WIC foods** (like cereal, milk, etc.) **before any fruits and vegetables.** The cashier must ring up the fruits and vegetables last.
- **The cashier will scan each item** and manually enter the price. The cashier will let you know if any food item is not-approved. Only approved items will be included in your purchase.
- **The cashier will tell you if you have items that need to be removed** before completing your purchase. For example, if your fruits and vegetables were over the amount WIC is paying for and you’re not paying another way (like cash or SNAP benefits).
- **Enter your own PIN** when asked. Don’t tell the cashier your PIN or let the cashier enter your PIN.