Introducing MyACCESS

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Background

- The ACCESS website (access.wi.gov) was first launched in 2004.
- It has become the primary channel by which Wisconsin residents apply for benefits.
- Over time, this has:
 - Reduced phone calls to agencies.
 - Reduced data entry for workers.
 - Increased access for potential members.

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- ACCESS also offers features for managing ongoing benefits, including:
 - Benefit status.
 - Renewals.
 - Change reports.
 - Paperless correspondence.
 - Document submission.
- Because it requires regular computer access, few people manage their benefits online.

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MyACCESS app

Developing an app

- Since 2004, technology has changed dramatically.
- Most applicants and members have access to the internet through mobile devices.
- With a mobile app, we are seeking to increase self-service among members.

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Expected Outcomes

We expect the app to result in:

- Fewer calls to agencies.
- Fewer paper documents for agencies to scan and process.
- Less churning from members who lose benefits and then reapply right away.
- Better customer service and satisfaction.

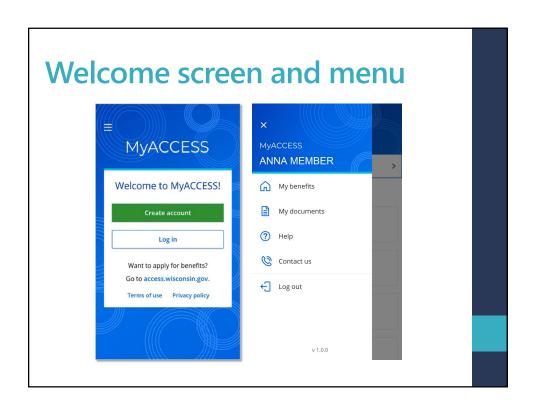
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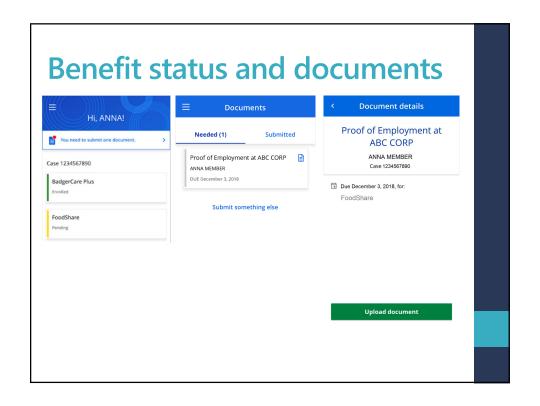
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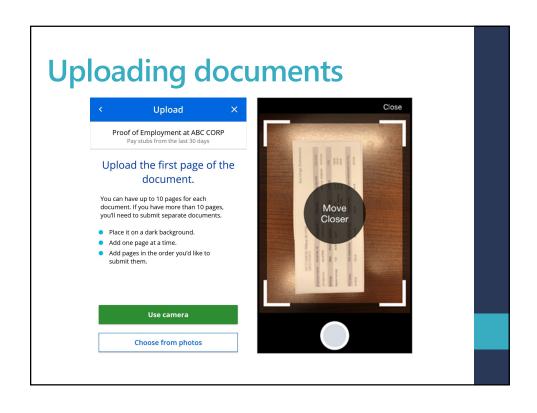
- On November 12, 2018, DHS and DCF launched MyACCESS.
- This mobile app for iOS and Android allows users to:
 - Check the status of their benefits.
 - Take photos of and upload verification documents.
 - Opt in to push notifications to get reminders about actions needed.

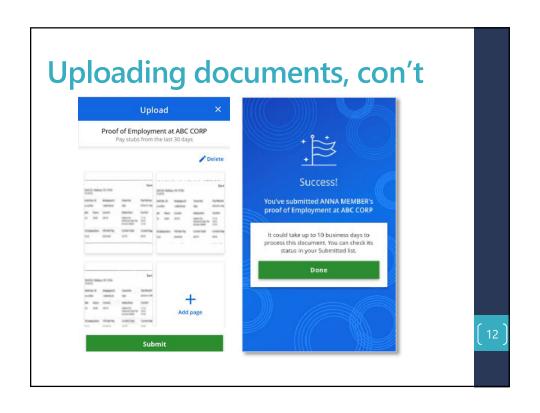
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Sample screens









Initial results and next steps

Results to date

- Close to 6000 people have downloaded the app and used it at least once.
- Users have initiated more than 26,000 app "sessions".
- More than 2,500 documents have been uploaded.

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Next steps

- The November 12, 2018 roll-out is intended to be a "soft launch".
- In early February 2019, we plan to promote the app more actively through:
 - Posters and other printed materials.
 - Social media marketing.
 - More active promotion with community partners.

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