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Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion

Friday Facts

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Policy

From the WIC Program Goals Manual - 215.06 Participant Categories and Certification Periods

In order to be certified, an applicant for the WIC Program must be categorically eligible. This means that the applicant must meet the regulatory definition for one of the participant categories. The participant's certification period depends on their category. This policy explains the categories and their certification periods.

Categorical eligibility is based on an applicant's self-report of:

- Age (for infants and children)
- Reproductive status (for women), and
- Medical condition (for women and children with special dietary needs).

For infants and children, this is the parent, guardian or other adult who has custody of the child and is responsible for the child's well-being. The parent/caretaker is authorized to sign the following WIC documents:

- Your Rights and Responsibilities as a WIC Participant
- WIC Identification Card
- Check receipts
- WIC checks
- Release of information of the referral and request for information forms

Resources

Health Centers in your State

Within the last month, the Office of Shortage Designation has been working with HRSA's Office of Information Technology (OIT) to enhance the existing **Health Centers in your State** tool so that you are able to identify FQHCs **and** their Satellite sites.

Health Centers in your State is a tool that should assist everyone involved in the FQHC site application and review process.

The purpose of this tool is to give you the ability to identify FQHCs and the Satellite sites that are within their approved Scope of Practice.

Furthermore, the data reflected in this report are updated daily; therefore, when changes are made, those changes are reflected the following day. That said, this tool will reduce the many phone calls and emails now required to confirm this information and should assist you in correcting site information that may be incorrect. Using this tool will also allow you to easily confirm a site's FQHC status. For example, if a

site is using an automatic HPSA for recruitment purposes, this tool can confirm whether or not the site is eligible to do so because of its FQHC status.

The new **Health Centers in your State** widget is posted on the Health Care Service Delivery Sites Detail page at http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/sitesdetail.aspx; it is located on the right hand side of the page just below the regular **Find a Heath Center** widget. With this enhanced widget, Satellite sites are NOW listed under the "Mother" Site.

If you would like to add the widget to your website, please go to http://datawarehouse.hrsa.gov/Widgets.aspx#fahcReport for instructions.

We hope this will be a useful tool for all of you involved in the site application and review process. If you have comments or suggestions on the tool, please share them with Norma Campbell ncampbell@hrsa.gov, who was the lead in developing this tool. We welcome the feedback and any ideas as to how we can make the process more efficient.

~Norma Campbell

Training

One Year Child Certification Conference Calls

Child certifications will be valid for one year starting July 1, 2012. Two conference calls are scheduled to discuss this change. Both conference calls will cover the same information and staff will only need to attend one. All WIC staff should plan on attending one of the calls to become more familiar with the changes. The calls are scheduled for the following dates and times:

Monday, June 18th: 12:00 pm – 12:30 pm

Thursday, June 21st: 8 am – 8:30 am

More details and any materials required for the calls will be provided closer to the conference call dates.

EBT Update

Advisory Committee Call

On the last WIC EBT Clinic Advisory Committee call, Bertha Amaya, WIC Patient Services Coordinator with the City of El Paso Department of Public Health was on the call and discussed Texas's offline WIC EBT system. Bertha shared information about what happened before and after implementation and how the system is working now. Please make sure to contact one of the Clinic Advisory Committee members in your agency to learn more about what was discussed.

Don't forget…

Don't forget that proof of residency or address is required for all certification appointments, meaning proof of physical address not mailing address. Policy 215.50 states "Residency means establishing the location or address where an applicant routinely lives or spends the night. For the purposes of clarity, the term address is used interchangeable with residency." Being clear with participants regarding this requirement is very important. What is your agency practice?

Other

Formula Name Ch ange

In November 2011, Similac Sensitive for Spit-Up was written as an OR statement in IWIN to reflect the transition to the name change of Similac for Spit-Up. We are now removing the OR statement and this product will be written as Similac for Spit-Up and will no longer contain the OR statement. Please contact your WIC consultant with any questions.

Dates to Remember

2012

- May 16 & 17, 2012 – 23rd Annual Breastfeeding Conference
- August 21, 2012 – WIC Contractor's Meeting
- August 29-30, 2012 – Infant and Child Nutrition Core Workshops
- October 26, 2012 – 2012 Iowa WIC Training
- October 30, 2012 – Communication and Rapport Building Core Workshop

Available Formula

Product	Quantity	Expiration Date	Agency	Contact
EleCare Unflavored Formula	5 cans - 14.1 oz Powder	8/2013	North Iowa Community Action Organization	Carla Miller @ 641-423-5044 ext.24
EleCare Jr. Unflavored	7 containers – 14.1 oz	8/2013	New Opportunities	Sharon McDonald Williams @ 712-830-1329