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Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion

Friday Facts

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Policy

Several Policies in the 315.00 Financial Operations section of the WIC Services Policy and Procedure Manual were updated 12/01/10 due to the recent implementation of SharePoint. Please pass this along to your agency fiscal staff.

From the WIC Services Policy and Procedure Manual — 315.38 Advances

The state WIC office has provided a permanent advance equal to approximately six weeks of expenditures. This advance is retained by the agency as long as the Department has a contract with the agency. Permanent advances will not be made for new WIC agencies or existing agencies who do not already have one.

The advance is to be deposited into an interest-bearing account. Up to $250 of interest per fiscal year may be retained by the agency for administrative expenses. Contractors are required to upload to SharePoint the "Remittance of Interest Earned" report even if no interest is remitted (see page 2). If interest is being remitted, a check made payable to the Iowa Department of Public Health must accompany the form.

Note: A copy of the "Remittance of Interest Earned" report can be found in your SharePoint WIC Contract folder under Report Templates. If your agency has received a permanent advance you must download this form to your computer and complete. Once completed, upload to the Completed Reports folder.

Information

Missed Appointment Report

Did you know the Missed Appointment Report is available for use in IWIN? This report will generate a list of applicants/participants who missed appointments or cancelled appointments without rescheduling. For more information regarding this report, please see policy 330.40.

No Clinics March 28-31, 2011

In 2011 we will be making some major upgrades to IWIN. These upgrades include improvements and updates to the IWIN programming language and SQL server database. As a result of these important upgrades, all agencies will be receiving new laptops and desktops.

To start this process, all agencies will have to start their upload process by 4:00 pm on Friday March 25, 2011 so upgrades can begin here. In order to correctly install and make changes agencies are not to

schedule any clinics March 28-31, 2011. During this time IWIN will not be accessible so even formula changes will not be possible. Agency staff will be busy though as staff will be necessary to set up new computers and prepare them for use at clinics.

We are still working on details here but will be providing everyone with more information in the near future. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Healthy Iowans Launches New Website

A new website has just been launched to engage public health partners in the development and use of Healthy Iowans, our state's five-year health assessment and health improvement plan. Online at www.idph.state.ia.us/adper/healthy_iowans.asp, the new website includes sections on the background of Healthy Iowans, updates and important announcements, frequently asked questions, and resources for organizations and individuals wishing to help develop the five-year health assessment and health improvement plan.

Food Products

Additional Soy Beverage Option

8th Continent **Vanilla** Flavored Soymilk now meets the minimum Federal WIC nutrient requirements. Participants who are eligible to receive soy beverage will be able to purchase 8th Continent **Vanilla** Flavored Soymilk in addition to the original flavor starting January 1st. The new FI description present in IWIN will look like the following:

Half gallon (64 oz) 8th Continent Soymilk Original or Vanilla

Coordinators and lead staff have been sent a template to print stickers of the new soy beverage option to place in the food flyers of participants receiving soy beverage.

EBT Update

Advantages of WIC EBT for Participants

WIC EBT has many advantages for participants. One advantage is that all food benefits for a family are combined on the family's EBT card. For example, if a family has two children who are each are receiving 4 gallons of milk, a total of 8 gallons are put onto the card. The family can decide how many gallons of milk they would like to purchase each time they use their card. They can purchase anywhere from one gallon to all eight gallons at once if they chose to. Food benefits still must be redeemed within a first date and last date to use.

Dates to Remember

2011

- 5th Monday clinics
  We do not anticipate any major changes to IWIN in 2011. Due to this, you can schedule clinics on the 5th Monday of the month if needed

  NETC
- January 24 & 25
- April 18 & 19
- July 25 & 26
- October 24 & 25

Advisory Committee Meetings

- March 4
- July 15
- October 7

Core Workshops

- March 28 & 29 - Maternal Nutrition and Breastfeeding Workshop
- April 29 - Communication & Rapport Building Workshop
- June 23 & 24 - Infant and Child Nutrition Workshop:

Available Formula

Product	Quantity	Expiration Date	Agency	Contact
Pediasure 1.5	48 – 8 oz cans	7/1/2011	Broadlawns	Nikki Davenport at 515-282-6710
Vital Jr. (Vanilla)	18 bottles	7/2011	Broadlawns	Nikki Davenport at 515-282-6710
Enfaport Lipil	23 – 8 oz cans (ready-to-feed)	9/1/2011	Johnson County WIC	Chuck Dufano @ 319-356-6042
Enfaport Lipil	5 cases (30 cal/oz)	9/11/2011	American Home Finding	Cindy Meiners – 641-682-8784