



Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion

Friday Facts

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Policy

From the WIC Program Goals Manual — 120.10 Action Plan 1. One Year Child Certifications

By September 30, 2012 implement one year certifications for children and develop policy guidance for local agencies.

The USDA has approved one year certifications for children. For many families, this may decrease barriers to either choosing or beginning participation in the WIC Program resulting in more children ages 1 to 5 having access to nutrition counseling, education, referrals, and healthy supplemental foods.

The following activities are planned to meet the objective:

- By November 30, 2011 review policy guidance regarding one year child certifications.
- By January 30, 2012 draft policy change regarding one year child certifications.
- By July 1, 2012 train local agencies on one year certification policy changes and provide policy guidance.
- By September 30, 2012 changes will be made in the WIC computer system, after working with the MIS contractor, to allow for one year child certifications.

Helpdesk Updates

Helpdesk Requests

In order to serve you better - please remember to always submit your helpdesk request to WICHHD@idph.iowa.gov – this account is checked on a regular basis. Also, until further notice, the only helpdesk after hour's line is 515-822-4640.

Don't forget...



Don't forget to make sure that any WIC checks you issue to families are not the ones you voided. We have had some voided checks go through the bank. If there is a situation that is out of your control, be sure to document the situation and the fact that the participant did not receive duplicate benefits in IWIN.

Dates to Remember

2012

- March 29-30, 2012 – Maternal and Breastfeeding Nutrition Core Workshops
- 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
Neocate Junior Chocolate flavor	6 cans – 14 oz	7/14/2012	MICA	Sarah Ruter @ 515-232-9020 ext. 105
Similac PM 60/40	3 cans	10/2012	Johnson County Public Health	Chuck Dufano @ 319-356-6042
EleCare Unflavored Formula	5 cans - 14.1 oz Powder	8/2013	North Iowa Community Action Organization	Carla Miller @ 641-423-5044 ext.24