Policy

From the WIC Certification Policy and Procedure Manual – 235.30 Medicaid Reimbursement for Nutrition Products

The Medicaid and WIC Programs in Iowa work together to determine the appropriate payment source for nutrition products prescribed for the population groups potentially eligible for WIC services. This policy explains how to provide the necessary documentation to facilitate payment for these products.

The Medicaid Program may pay for nutrition products prescribed for Medicaid clients only if:
– The client applied for WIC but is not eligible, or
– The client is eligible for WIC, but requires more formula than WIC can provide.

Documentation from WIC is required in both cases.

Note: Any applicant who is categorically eligible for WIC, has a medical nutrition need, and is on Medicaid would be WIC-eligible in Iowa as all priority classes are being served.

The table below lists the required conditions and documentation from WIC for Medicaid payment.

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<td>not eligible for WIC</td>
<td>• Notice of Ineligibility form (for most clients) or</td>
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<td>• Notice of Termination (for WIC participants who</td>
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<td>became categorically ineligible, became income</td>
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<td>ineligible mid-certification, violated program rules, or</td>
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<td>were placed on a waiting list).</td>
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Note: For all products, the physician must provide documentation of medical necessity of the product before the pharmacy can submit for payment.
**Information**

**WIC Shout Out**

If you receive a compliment or thank you in person or over the phone from a WIC client about how you or your agency has helped them out or served them well we want to hear about it! It deserves to make it to Facebook as the next WIC Shout Out! Please call Nikki or email it to nikki.davenport@idph.iowa.gov. Also please include what clinic location the client goes to. We would love to feature your agency next week!

Thanks!

Nikki Davenport, RD, LD

**Resources**

**Videos**

Christine Hradek is sharing a resource that you may find helpful for work with low income and inexperienced cooks and shoppers. Iowa State University Extension and Outreach created 28 videos pertaining to shopping and cooking. The videos are short. They range from 1-4 minutes. Each video has a one page handout with the pertinent information from the video. To see these just click on the “show more” link below each video.

All of the videos are also posted on: [http://www.nifa.usda.gov/nea/food/in_focus/health_if_food_iowa_resources.html](http://www.nifa.usda.gov/nea/food/in_focus/health_if_food_iowa_resources.html)

Here are direct links to each video as well.

1. [Shop for seasonal fruits and vegetables](#)
2. [Decide how many fruits and vegetables you need](#)
3. [Get the best deal on fruits and vegetables](#)
4. [Shop for fruits and vegetables](#)
5. [Clean fruits & vegetables](#)
6. [Store fruits & vegetables](#)
7. [Plan a menu](#)
8. [Keep a price book](#)
9. [Choose great bananas](#)
10. [Make the most of your bananas](#)
11. [Store bananas](#)
12. [Choose whole grain bread](#)
13. [Store bread](#)
14. [Organize your fridge](#)
15. [Use planned-overs](#)
16. [Freeze leftovers](#)
17. [Use a food thermometer](#)
18. [Include children in the kitchen](#)
19. [Make a slow cooker meal](#)
20. [Roast Vegetables](#)
21. [Make a one dish meal on the stovetop](#)
22. [Make baby food](#)
23. [Make granola](#)
24. Make fruit pizza
25. Make a fruit smoothie
26. Make healthy mac & cheese
27. Make homemade salad dressing
28. Make homemade oven fries

Molly Kellogg Pod Casts

By now all staff members should have finished the Molly Kellogg podcasts. We are hearing stories of how much participants appreciate being involved in their counseling. If you remember podcast #9 (Change talk), Molly talks about how to pick out change talk instead of sustain talk and in other podcasts time and how little time it takes to involve the participant. The secret is to focus on one topic. Think about when you go to your doctor after a physical and you are given 12 things to change in your life. How did you feel?

We have received questions about the CEU’s. Here is Molly’s answer:
It’s $15 per RD. They go on line and pay for it and then send me the form which includes them saying how many hours they spent on it. I will provide the certificate for the number of hours they put on the form.

For RNs: If the state Board wants something more from me about educational objectives or anything, I would be glad to provide that. (This information will have to be submitted to the Iowa Board of Licensure)

Keep practicing. You will be amazed at how successful you will be and how much both you and the participants will enjoy the change.

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Webinars

What exactly is HIV/AIDS - April 9, 2014 Webinar

What exactly is HIV/AIDS? How does it affect women – and is it the same in infants and children? Please see flyer at end of Friday Facts for more detail.

Latino health and well-being - Webinar and Face to Face Seminar - April 9, 2014

On April 9th, Dr. Angela Wiley, associate professor and Extension Specialist, University of Illinois, will be sharing research and outreach that she and her colleagues are involved in regarding Latino family health and well-being.

We invite you, and others in your department or elsewhere you believe would be interested in participating. Please share this invitation with others. (See flyer at end of Friday Facts)

April 9th, 10-11.30am - webinar- https://connect.extension.iastate.edu/r53m6a8p8gx/ “Enter as a guest.”

Presentation Title: “Family Focused Approach to Obesity Prevention for Latino Immigrant Families”

Dr. Wiley will share information Abriendo Caminos, a community-centered outreach project, that she and her colleagues have developed and evaluated which utilizes a whole family approach to obesity
prevention in Latino immigrant families. This approach assumes that sustainable health promotion requires building on existing family strengths. Cultural traditions such as shared family mealtimes and family folk dancing form the foundation for this Latino obesity prevention programming. The project features a six-week curriculum and activity-based program that includes Latino families in food preparation, shared physical activity through folk-dancing, and shared mealtimes featuring family storytelling.

**April 9th, 3.30-5pm - seminar (0331 Palmer, ISU campus)**

**Presentation Title: “Cross-Cultural Connections: The Joys and Challenges of Research and Intervention with Latinos”**

Dr. Wiley will talk about on-going research and programming at the University of Illinois with U.S. Latinos and with young adults and families in Mexico. Themes from several projects will be described including a needs assessment, a health promotion intervention, and a 3-wave panel study in San Luis Potosi, Mexico. Dr. Wiley will lead discussion about the challenges in and strategies for effective cross-cultural research and intervention, at home and abroad.

**USDA’s Smart Snacks Standards – What they are, When they kick in, and How you play a role - April 16, 2014 Webinar**

The April 16 webinar will provide participants an overview of USDA’s updated Smart Snacks regulation including a discussion about the updated standards, timeline for implementation, and available resources to help schools implement the changes, including the Alliance for a Healthier Generation Smart Snacks calculator. In addition, a brief overview of the recently proposed Local Wellness Policy regulation as well as Community Eligibility Program will be provided. Participants will also learn how they can be involved in helping schools, parents and students welcome these important changes. Please see flyer at end of Friday Facts for more detail.

**Educating Consumers on the Safe Handling of Fresh Produce: A Fight BAC! Brown Bag Webinar - April 16, 2014**

During this hour-long webinar, you'll get the latest consumer produce research, a sneak peek at new educational materials, insight from expert presenters, and CEUs! For more information see flyer at the end of the Friday Facts.

**Save the Date: VENA Webinar - May 28, 2014 2:00-3:00 ET**

Please see (and share with your staff and local agencies) the announcement at the end of the Friday Facts for the next VENA webinar FNS will be hosting.

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**Dates to Remember**

**2014**

- 2014 Iowa WIC Training – October 9

**Molly Kellogg Webinars (for Champions only)**

- April 16, 2014, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.
- May 14, 2014, from 9:00-10:00 a.m.
New Employee Training Go-to-Meeting

- NETC Go-To-Meeting (All new staff) – May 8, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Support Staff) – May 15, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Health Professional) – May 22, from 8:30-11:30

**** Please note changes in order of trainings for May

- NETC Go-To-Meeting (All new staff) – July 10, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Health Professional) – July 17, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Support Staff) – July 24, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (All new staff) – September 11, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Health Professional) – September 18, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Support Staff) – September 25, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (All new staff) – November 6, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Health Professional) – November 13, from 8:30-11:30
- NETC Go-To-Meeting (Support Staff) – November 20, from 8:30-11:30

Core Trainings

- Maternal: March 25, 2014
- Breastfeeding: March 26, 2014
- Infant/Child: August 28, 2014
- Communication and Rapport: October 29, 2014

Contractor’s Meetings

- August 26 - 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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HIV/AIDS Care and Treatment for Women, Infants and Children Webinar
Wednesday, April 9th
1:00 pm – 2:30 pm MST
Click here to Register

What exactly is HIV/AIDS? How does it affect women – and is it the same in infants and children? Infectious disease experts will provide an overview of HIV and AIDS, and discuss how infected women and children are physically, mentally, and socially impacted. The speakers will also present the latest treatment options and community outreach efforts. This up-to-date information will help WIC and MCH professionals better serve positive individuals.

::SPEAKERS::

DR. MONICA CARTEN
TREATING HIV/AIDS IN WOMEN
University of Colorado Hospital
Internal Medicine - Infectious Disease Physician
Associate Professor

DR. ELIZABETH MCFARLAND
TREATING HIV/AIDS IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN
Children's Hospital Colorado
Director, Children's Hospital Colorado HIV Program
Professor of Pediatrics

MARY MCLEES-LANE, MSW, ACSW
TREATING HIV/AIDS OUTSIDE OF THE CLINICAL SETTING THROUGH COMMUNITY OUTREACH
Duke Children’s Hospital and Health Center
The Pediatric Infectious Diseases Subspecialty Clinic
Outreach Social Work Supervisor

Upcoming Webinar
“WIC Best Practices for Working with HIV+ Participants”
Wednesday, May 14th
1:00 – 2:30 MST
Presenter: Angela R. Wiley, Ph.D.
Associate Professor in Human and Community Development Extension Specialist, Family Life
University of Illinois

Title: “Cross-Cultural Connections: The Joys and Challenges of Research and Intervention with Latinos”

Wednesday, April 9th
331 Palmer, 3:30—5:00 PM
ACPP Webinar - Free to Everyone!

Title: USDA’s Smart Snacks Standards – What they are, When they kick in, and How you play a role
Date: Wednesday, April 16, 2014
Time: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM EDT
Cost: Free to all registrants

Register - Attendees earn 1 CEU

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Moderator: Tracy Fox, MPH, RD, President, Food, Nutrition & Policy Consultants, LLC, Chair, SNEB Advisory Committee on Public Policy
Speakers: Nancy Lyons, Policy Analyst, Child Nutrition Programs, USDA - Food and Nutrition Service

This webinar is being offered free to all registrants - please post to any listservs you participate in and help spread the word.

Federal Update

Last week, the House Agriculture Appropriations Subcommittee heard testimony from USDA on the administration’s FY 2015 proposals for food and nutrition programs. Republicans expressed concerns that a number of states have continued the heat and eat program whereby a small $20 annual home energy assistance benefit is used to trigger higher Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. Kevin Concannon, Agriculture undersecretary for food, nutrition and consumer services, noted that those states are complying with the new farm bill law which raised the nominal energy assistance benefit from the previous $1 threshold. The Washington Post published a front page story on the controversy, which may be read here. Click here to read the testimony and view the hearing.

On the other side of Capitol Hill, USDA Secretary Vilsack testified before the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 26. His testimony may be accessed here.

News, Resources and Information From the Field

Fighting Food Deserts Takes More than Fresh Produce
American Public Media’s Marketplace, heard on many NPR stations, ran a story on food deserts this past week. It covered a news conference announcing the results from a California-statewide
survey. Researchers visited more than 7,000 grocery stores in California, everything from small corner stores to big-box stores. The survey looked at how tobacco, alcohol and junk food are marketed. The survey found that 71 percent of the stores carried alcohol, while 37 percent sold milk, and more than half did not carry fresh produce. The survey also found that unhealthy products were more prevalent and more heavily marketed in poor neighborhoods. To read the report, click here to go to The Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community campaign -- a collaboration between tobacco use prevention, nutrition and alcohol prevention partners. To find resources and connect with others on healthy food access, go here.

2014 County Health Rankings
The new 2014 County Health Rankings were posted last week. Supported by RWJF, the Rankings allow each state to see how its counties compare on 29 factors including smoking, high school graduation rates, employment, physical inactivity, access to healthy foods, and much more. Click here to access the report.

Mothers' Monitoring of Media Tied to Kids' Weight
This article in Reuters Health reports, “Children whose mothers pay close attention to how much time they spend watching TV and playing video games tend to weigh less, according to a new study. Researchers found that mothers who were more active in their media supervision had children who were thinner at age seven and who gained less weight over the next few years.” Read more here.

SNEB News
Interested in Policy - ACPP Needs You!
SNEB members who are interested in getting more involved in policy issues are urged to consider serving on SNEB's Advisory Committee of Public Policy. There are a few opening for 2 year positions beginning this summer. Learn more about ACPP here and please feel free to contact Tracy Fox, Chair (tracy@foodnutritionpolicy.com) or Melody Steeples, Chair-Elect (melody@can-act.net) for more information and to volunteer.

Conference Registration Online
- Register online at http://www.sneb.org/register
- Registration Brochure is now online
- Hilton Milwaukee City Center - $149/night (single/double) - Online reservation link
- Marquette University - Straz Tower - starting at $50 single - Call 414-288-7208 to make reservation
- Over 20 programs including details of the FNEE PreConference session and tracks on Public Policy, Communication and Research Start planning your conference schedule!

Upcoming Webinars:
Obesity Risk Assessment for Preschoolers: Tailor to your Needs
Thursday, April 10 | 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM EDT | Register
Speakers: Marilyn S Townsend, PhD, RD; Lenna Ontai PhD; University of California Davis and Mical Kay Shilts, PhD, California State University

JNEB Journal Club 2014 Fall Semester Announced
Nutrition Environments and Shaping Behavior starts September 22
Email rdaege@sneb.org to register for the entire semester of webinars (free to members as a benefit of SNEB membership.)
Educating Consumers on the Safe Handling of Fresh Produce: A Fight BAC! Brown Bag Webinar

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Wednesday, April 16th, 2014
12:30 PM - 1:30 PM Eastern Time

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Participation in the webinar will serve as one hour of Continuing Professional Education through the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Registered dietitians and dietetic technicians who participate in the live webinar, may earn one CPE credit hour for attending.

Register now!

The Partnership for Food Safety Education is a catalytic leader in health education and a trusted partner to health educators. Learn more at www.fightbac.org.
SAVE THE DATE!

Topic:
The VENA Journey in Massachusetts—From Theory to Practice

Audience:
All WIC State and local agencies

Date:
Wednesday, May 28, 2014

Time:
2:00 - 3:00 PM EDST

Webinar access information will be provided at a later date.