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Policy

From the WIC Program Goals Manual - 215.08 Notification of Eligibility Status

Introduction

Applicants must be notified of their eligibility status at the time of certification. This policy describes the process of notification.

If eligible

When the applicant is found eligible at certification, follow these steps.

Step	Action
1	Print and review Your Rights and Responsibilities as a WIC Participant (see Policy 215.95A) with the participant or parent/caretaker, and obtain a signature.
2	Fill out a WIC Identification Card (see Policy 220.10A) and obtain the authorizing signatures for the participant or parent/caretaker.

If ineligible

Follow the steps in the table below for applicants found ineligible at certification.

Step	Action
1	Generate two copies of the Notice of Ineligibility form.
2	Give one copy to the applicant.
3	File the second copy by date with other printed materials that must be retained (e.g., check receipts, Your Rights and Responsibilities as a WIC Participant, proxy cards).

Reasons for ineligibility

Applicants may be determined ineligible for services because:

- Household income exceeds the guidelines,
- They failed to bring proof of identity,
- They do not have a nutrition risk, or
- The Iowa WIC Program is serving only higher priority classes due to funding constraints.

Nutrition services may be provided

Nutrition assessment and nutrition education may be provided to applicants who are found ineligible. Local WIC personnel are encouraged to offer these services along with appropriate referrals for health and other social services.



National WIC Association



Washington Update

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FDA Bans BPA in Baby Bottles and Sippy Cups

Washington, DC, July 17, 2012 – The FDA announced today that the chemical bisphenol-A (BPA) is banned from baby bottles and sippy cups.

After manufacturers of these products previously ceased using the chemical, the American Chemistry Council filed a petition to the FDA to impose a ban in October, 2011.

BPA, present in numerous items such as plastic bottles, and metal food cans, has raised concerns following research findings of development and reproductive health problems in rodents and other animals exposed to large doses. The FDA previously stated that the research findings did not provide sufficient scientific evidence to ban BPA, and is currently continuing research to assess the chemical's health effects.

Read more about [the ruling here](#).

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Information

Medical Cards

The revised medical cards will be available at the clearing house next week. They are now lavender in color with children on one side and women on the other. The pink and green cards will no longer be available.

Training

2012 Iowa WIC Training

The 2012 Iowa WIC Training will be taking place on Friday, October 26, 2012 at the HyVee Conference Center in West Des Moines for all WIC staff. The training is scheduled to last from 7:45 am – 5:00 pm. There will be no registration fee. CEUs will be available. More detailed information will be provided at a later time. Please contact the state office if you have any questions regarding the training.

EBT Update

Online EBT System

Rebecca Tyree, the WIC Coordinator from the Barren River District Health Department in Bowling Green, Kentucky spoke on the EBT Clinic Advisory Conference Call this week about their online EBT system. Her agency was the pilot for the EBT system in October 2008. Rollout has continued to occur across the state with the last district in Kentucky implementing EBT last fall. Since their EBT system is an online system, clinics must be connected; however their agency has not experienced many issues with loss of connectivity. If a loss of connectivity does occur, their agency loads benefits to the card when connectivity comes back up. The card does not have to be present to load benefits with an online EBT system. The benefit list is then mailed to the participant.

Resources

Keep your Baby Smiling Handout

The handout entitled “Keep Your Baby Smiling” will no longer be printed. It is being replaced by the newly revised, “Why Worry About Baby Teeth?”. To have this handout sent to you from the clearing house, contact your I-Smile Coordinator.

New Food Flyers

New Food Flyers will be drop shipped to you in the near future. Remember these are not to be used until October 1, 2012. If you have any questions, contact Pat Hildebrand at patricia.hildebrand@idph.iowa.gov.

Dates to Remember

2012

- August 1 or 2, 2012 - Online Nutrition Education Webinar
- August 21, 2012 – WIC Contractor’s Meeting
- August 29, 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
Pediasure Peptide 1.0 vanilla	39 – 8 oz containers	11/1/2012	HACAP	Angie Munson 319-366-7875
Enfaport Lipil 8 oz RTU, 30 cal/fl oz	1 case (24 cans) + 4 cans	12/1/2012	Edgerton Women's Health	Jen Clasen 563-359-6635
EleCare Jr. Unflavored Portagen	1 containers – 14.1 oz 5 containers – 16 oz	8/2013 8/2013	New Opportunities	Sharon McDonald Williams 712-830-1329
Elecare Unflavored	8 containers 14.1 oz powdered	4/1/2014	Edgerton Women's Health	Jen Clasen 563-359-6635
Compleat Pediatric Unflavored	6 cases (24 – 8.45 oz. cans per case)	1 – Sept 2012 1 – Nov 2012 4 – Feb 2013	New Opportunities	Sharon MacDonald Williams 712-830-1329