

2985 - WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC) SERVICES**POLICY STATEMENT**

Applicants/recipients for Medicaid are referred to the County Public Health Department or other WIC agency for possible participation in the WIC program if they fall into one of the following categories:

- pregnant women
- women who are breast-feeding through the first 12 months after the birth of the child
- children under age 5
- postpartum women (eligible for six months following the termination of pregnancy).

PROCEDURES

Follow the procedures below to refer A/Rs to WIC services.

Verbally inform the A/R of the WIC services available and the location of the Public Health Department.

Include this information in the explanation of services.

- WIC provides infant formula, baby cereal and fruit juice for children who are bottle-fed from birth to 1 year.
- WIC provides cheese, cereal, fruit juice and eggs for pregnant women, nursing women, and children 1 to 5 years of age.
- Document the case record to indicate that the A/R was notified and referred for WIC services.