

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

The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program is a short-term intervention program designed to influence nutrition and health behaviors in a targeted, high-risk population.

Applicants/recipients for Medicaid are referred to the Department of Public Health 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 Department of Public Health.

Include this information in the explanation of services.

What WIC Provides

- Special checks to buy healthy foods from WIC-authorized vendors- milk, eggs, bread, cereal, juice, peanut butter, and much more;
- Information about nutrition and health to help families eat well and be healthy;
- Support and information about breastfeeding;
- Help in finding health care and other community services.

Document the case record to indicate that the A/R was notified and referred for WIC services.