

WASHINGTON STATE WIC NUTRITION PROGRAM



Washington State WIC Manual
Notice of Revision



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☒ Volume 1	☐ Volume 2
Chapter: 17 – WIC Eligibility	
Section: See Table of Revisions	
Policy/Recommendation/Description/Procedure:	
Type of Action/Change: ☒ Supersedes ☐ New ☐ Delete	
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Explanation of Revisions:

- This chapter was posted as a draft in April 2021. We received final approval from FNS and the chapter is final. There were no changes made from the draft.
- The chapter was updated to align with the Cascades system. In particular we updated the chapter to reflect the eligibility for children through the month they turn five years of age.
- The Table of Revisions lists changes made since the Client Services (CIMS) version of the chapter.

Attachments:

☒	Memo
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Policy/Page	Revision	Comments
Through-out chapter	Terminology changes Updated terms including: • “Food prescription” instead of “food package” • “Food benefits” instead of “WIC checks” • Gender neutral “participant” instead of “she” or “mom”, etc. • “Non-breastfeeding Postpartum” instead of “Postpartum”	Language and format were changed, but no changes were made to the true content or intent of policy.
Table of Eligibility Time Periods p. 1 – 2	Policy/Table • Changes as noted above. • Removed previous reference to “enrolling” infants. Procedure Added A: Assess the participant for WIC eligibility.	All infants are certified in Cascades.
Eligibility Period for Pregnant Participants p. 4	Information • Removed previous second example related to the legacy MIS system, CIMS. • Cascades only allows breastfeeding food benefits for participants certified (or subsequently certified) in the Breastfeeding category.	
Eligibility Period for Breastfeeding Participants p. 5 - 6	Policy Revised a. staff update the participant’s breastfeeding information to change the category to non-breastfeeding postpartum.	• Staff change the breastfeeding information on the Heath Information screen. • Cascades changes the participant category accordingly.
Eligibility Period for Non-breastfeeding Postpartum Participants p. 7 - 8	Information Added guidance on how to issue the last set of pregnant eligibility food benefits before subsequently certifying as non-breastfeeding postpartum.	
Eligibility Period for Infants p. 9	Policy • Removed information about enrolling infants. • Added information about the ability to extend the certification for infants for 30 days in limited situations.	All infants are certified in Cascades.

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	Added a link to Chapter 18 - Certification	
Eligibility Period for Children p. 10	Policy Updated information about child eligibility periods going to the end of the month the child turns 5 years old. Added information about the ability to extend the certification for infants for 30 days in limited situations. Added a link to Chapter 18 - Certification	We updated Cascades with the Spring 2020 release to extend eligibility periods through the month children turn 5 years of age.
Providing WIC Services to Participants in the Expired Status	Removed Policy	Moved to Volume 1, Chapter 18 – Certification.