

Policy Activities

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Introduction

- ► "All Things Policy"
- PAL areas include Confidentiality, Staffing and Training, Immunizations, Lead Services, and CPS Reporting.
- Facilitate Coordinator Connection calls and Small Group discussions.
- Annual State Plan.
- MIS Modernization Workgroup-Coordinate the LA Workgroup.
- Special Projects as assigned.



ARPA Waivers

- August 10, 2023 September 30, 2026.
- Allows staff to certify remotely when access to WIC services is a barrier.
- Remote Services Policy and Guidance Document.
- Allow for deferment of Anthropometric Measurements up to 60 days and Hemoglobin up to 90 days post-certification.

Approved Policies 2023

- ▶ 1.07 Local agency Staffing and Training
- ▶ 1.10 Voter Registration
- ▶ 2.02 Proof of Residency
- ▶ 2.03 Proof of Identity
- ▶ 2.05 Income Guidelines
- ▶ 2.06 Adjunct Eligibility
- ▶ 2.16 Hematological Assessment for Anemia
- 2.17 Certification Periods
- ▶ 2.24 Mid-Certification Health Evaluation
- ▶ 4.02 Client Breastfeeding Education
- ► 4.05 Breastfeeding Equipment Issuance and Documentation
- ▶ 7.02 Authorized WIC Foods
- ▶ 7.03 Food Packages for Qualifying Conditions
- ▶ 10.03 System Security and MIWIC Access

Policy 2.17 Certification Periods

- ► WIC E-Notice #2023-234: Revised Michigan WIC Policies 2.17, 2.02, 2.03
- ► Change from a 60-day to 30-day short certification for No Proof of Identity and Residency.
- ► A 30-day short certification may be assigned when two of three proofs are provided. (Income, Residency, and Identity.)
- ▶ Requires a manual change in the Mi-WIC System.
- ► Anticipated permanent change in the system, January-February 2024.

Policy 2.24 MidCertification Health Evaluation

- ► WIC E-Notice #2023-205: New and Revised Michigan WIC Policies
- ▶ Added the mid-cert appointment for women who have certifications for 1 year (BF/BP).
- ▶ Mid-Certification Appointment Process Document resource.
- ► Developing more guidance on what to review at this appointment and documentation requirements.

Considerations for Policy Development and Revisions

Federal Regulations 7 246.26

USDA Policy Memos

USDA Policy Guides expanding on specific regulations.

USDA Policy Memorandums and Policy Guide

- ► <u>WIC Policy Memorandum #2023-5</u>: Data Sharing to Improve Outreach and Streamline Certification in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).
- ► <u>WIC Policy Memorandum #2023-6</u>: Streamlining Certification Documentation Guidance.
- ► Certification and Eligibility Resource and Best Practices Guide, June 2021.

Communications

E-Notices

Coordinator Connection calls

Small group discussions

Goals 2024

Update policies to address USDA Policy Memos sent out in 2023.

Continue with state and local agency meetings.

Revise policies that are 5+ years and older.

"You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." — Christopher Robin, Winnie the Pooh

"If everyone is moving forward together, then success takes care of itself." – Henry Ford

Thank You!

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