



Procedure: Local Agency Coordination with Hospitals

Functional Area: VIII Certification, Eligibility and Coordination of Services

Section: C2 c

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Purpose	To facilitate the enrollment of newborn infants or pregnant women at nutrition risk at the earliest possible date.
Services in/with a Hospital	Any local agency which either operates a WIC clinic within a hospital or has a cooperative agreement with a hospital must advise potentially eligible clients that: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. receive inpatient or outpatient prenatal, maternity, or postpartum services, or2. accompany a child under the age of five who receives well-child services of the availability of Program benefits.
Notification of Program Benefits	All hospital patients/clients who are categorically eligible for the WIC program shall be provided information about the program. At a minimum this information must include eligibility criteria, the name, address and phone number of the local agency and/or the state agency 1-800 number.
Certification in a Hospital	Whenever feasible, the local agency must provide an opportunity for certification at the hospital. This may be done through an agreement with the hospital to provide adequate space for WIC services.
