

DEFINITIONS

ABUSE

To cause harm or threaten harm with words

ARTIFICIAL BABY MILK (ABM)

Breast milk substitute; infant formula

ATTEMPT (CONCERNING PROGRAM VIOLATIONS)

A participant's action in violation to program rules that is persistent and/or coercive, whether the intended result is achieved or not.

Example: A participant tries to purchase a non-authorized cereal by repeatedly trying to talk the store clerk into letting him/her purchase it, stating they always buy this product here, or saying another vendor allows them to purchase the wrong item.

AUTHORIZED SIGNER

BREASTFEEDING

The USDA/FNS definition of breastfeeding is the practice of feeding a mother's breastmilk to her infant(s) on average at least once a day.

BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION COORDINATOR

Registered Dietitian or licensed nurse who serves as a resource person and central contact for the coordination of breastfeeding promotion and support activities in the local WIC agency.

CASH VALUE VOUCHER (CVV)

A WIC check with a fixed dollar amount for purchase of fresh fruits and vegetables. Amount varies based on participant category.

CFR – CONSOLIDATED FEDERAL REGULATIONS

COMPETENT PROFESSIONAL AUTHORITY (CPA)

An individual on the local agency staff who is trained and authorized by the Idaho WIC Program as competent to determine applicant eligibility, nutritional risk, assign priority, and prescribe appropriate food packages.

CONTRACT BRAND INFANT FORMULA

An iron-fortified milk-based, soy-based, lactose-free or added rice starch formula intended as a food substitute for human milk for healthy, term infants produced by the manufacturer awarded the infant formula cost containment contract. Contract formulas are routinely provided to infants enrolled in the WIC Program.

CONTRAINDICATION (RELATED TO BREASTFEEDING)

Any circumstance that makes breastfeeding medically inadvisable.

DISQUALIFICATION

The act of removing a participant from the program and prohibiting further participation for specified period of time. The participant must reapply for program benefits at the end of the disqualification. Disqualification can last from one month to one year.

DISRUPTIVE ACTION

Acting in a manner which disturbs other clients at the clinic, WIC or vendor staff, vendor's customers or disrupting or obstructing clinic or vendor operations.

Example: Refusing to leave premises when asked to do so, throwing literature in a fit of anger, other actions which cause discomfort or fear.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Active participant enrollment in two or more WIC clinics or WIC programs during the same time period. A dually enrolled participant may or may not have more than one set of WIC checks issued for the same benefit month. If the participant redeems only one set of WIC checks, the WIC participant must be terminated from the other WIC clinic/program.

DUAL PARTICIPATION

Participant receiving and cashing WIC checks from one or more WIC clinics/programs for the same time period. This results in excessive food benefits of the federal food allowance for the time period.

EXEMPT INFANT FORMULA

Intended as a food substitute for human milk for use by infants who have inborn errors of metabolism, prematurity, low birth weight, or who otherwise have an unusual medical or dietary condition.

FNB – FULL NUTRITION BENEFIT

FRAUD

An intentional misrepresentation of the truth to deceive others for the purpose of acquiring something of value, such as money or WIC benefits. Anything calculated to deceive, whether by a single act or combination, or by the suppression of truth, or by suggestion of what is false, whether it is by a direct lie, silence, look, or gesture.

FTE – FULL-TIME EMPLOYEE

IN-STATE TRANSFER

A participant transferring from one local agency to another local agency within the state of Idaho.

INTENT (CONCERNING PROGRAM VIOLATIONS)

Action carried out or attempted with the purpose to accomplish a result contrary to program rules.

KNOWLEDGE (CONCERNING PROGRAM VIOLATIONS)

Action carried out when participant has been made aware it is contrary to program rules or has information which would lead a reasonable person in the same situation to believe action is contrary to program rules.

LICENSED DIETITIAN

A person licensed by the State to practice as a Registered Dietitian.

MEDICAL FOOD

See WIC-eligible Medical Food

MISUSE (CONCERNING PROGRAM VIOLATIONS)

Violations of the program rules which could lead to warning, repayment, suspension or disqualification or other sanctions applicable to State or Federal law.

NON-COMPLIANCE

Failure on the part of the participant to follow program rules. The participant may or may not act with intent or knowledge.

NON-CONTRACT INFANT FORMULA

An iron-fortified milk-based, soy-based, lactose-free, or added rice starch formula that is nutritionally comparable to contract brand formula (noted above) and is not covered by an infant formula cost containment contract. Such infant formulas are not provided by WIC and prescriptions or medical documentation for these formulas will not be accepted under any circumstances.

OUT-OF-STATE TRANSFER

A participant transferring into Idaho from another state or a participant transferring out of Idaho to another state.

PARTIALLY BREASTFED INFANT

The USDA/FNS definition of a partially breastfed infant is an infant who is breastfed, but also receives formula from the WIC Program, in an amount not to exceed approximately one-half the amount of formula allowed for a fully formula-fed infant.

PARTICIPANT

The participant, parent, Responsible Adult (e.g., guardian, caretaker,) proxy, Authorized Signer, infant, child, pregnant woman, postpartum woman, and/or breastfeeding woman who receive supplemental foods from the WIC program.

PARTICIPANT VIOLATION

Any intentional action or activity by a participant or authorized representative or proxy to obtain benefits to which he or she is not entitled and/or to misuse benefits received.

PEER COUNSELOR

A breastfeeding Peer Counselor for WIC is a woman who, at a minimum:

- Is familiar with WIC
- Current or previous WIC participant preferred
- Has similarities with WIC participants served
- Has successfully breastfed at least one child (at least 6 months)
- Can communicate effectively
- Is enthusiastic about breastfeeding
- Can document and keep accurate records

PHYSICAL ABUSE

Physical contact or actions with WIC staff, vendor staff, or other participants which cause pain or injury.

Example:

Pushing, shoving, spitting, scratching, and throwing WIC foods or other objects at an intended target or targets.

PROJECT DIETITIAN

Individual with a B.S. in Nutrition who is a Registered Dietitian (RD) and Idaho Licensed Dietitian (LD). This person oversees nutritional risk certification, nutrition education, and high-risk counseling at the local WIC agency.

REGISTERED DIETITIAN (RD)

A person registered with the Commission on Dietetic Registration (the certifying agency of the American Dietetic Association).

RTF – READY-TO-FEED

SANCTION

A penalty for violating WIC program rules, regulations, or policies.

SUBSEQUENT INCIDENT

A second (or more) substantiated and documented occurrence of participant non-compliance and/or program violation. When a subsequent incident occurs and the action falls within the same or similar category, the program response for the subsequent incident is applied. When the action falls in a category different from the first incident (the action is a lesser or a greater violation of program rules), professional judgment is used to determine which response is appropriate.

SUSPENSION

The act of withholding benefits for a designated period of three to six months. The participant will continue on the program without reapplying if still within a current eligibility period at the end of the suspension.

THREATS

Communicating directly or indirectly the intent to cause injury, property damage, or any other act intended to harm the threatened person(s) with respect to their health and safety.

Example:

Raising a fist; making a bomb threat; walking to the back of the counter toward staff in a manner which staff consider intimidating; throwing an object in the vicinity of person; showing weapons or objects which can be used as weapons; and intimidating or threatening with harmful consequences.

UNMATCHED REDEMPTIONS

Checks/CVV's that have been issued and cashed, but for which no computer records exist to match the checks/CVV's with the participants. These checks/CVV's are flagged for research to determine possible fraud.

VIOLATIONS

Intentionally not following WIC program rules and regulations.

WIC-ELIGIBLE MEDICAL FOOD

Certain enteral products that are specifically formulated to provide nutritional support for participants (women, infants, or children) with a diagnosed medical condition where conventional food is precluded, restricted, or inadequate. Such WIC-eligible medical foods must serve calories and one or more nutrients; be designed for enteral digestion via oral or tube feeding; and may not be a conventional food, drug, flavoring, or enzyme.