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Chapter: 17 – WIC Eligibility	
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Explanation of Revisions:

- This revision includes the one year certification periods for children and breastfeeding women.
- See the attached table of revisions for specific changes to the chapter.

Remove: **Remove the chapter dated 8/2010 from the manual.**

Insert: **This current revision dated 10/2012 in Volume 1.**

Attachments:

- Memo**
- Manual Revision**
- Other** _____

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Policy/Page	Revision	Comments
Through-out chapter	We continue to make “plain talk” changes to each chapter.	The goal is to have policies more clear and easier to read.
“Table of Eligibility Time Periods” p. 1 - 2	<p>Policy: Added:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount of time a client is eligible for WIC depends on the client’s category. • Client Services sets the client’s eligibility period based on federal regulation. <p>Table: Children: Change from a 6 month period to a 12 month period. Regression: Deleted.</p> <p>Below table: Added: Infants 6 months and older new to WIC must be Priority 1 or Priority 4 to qualify for WIC.</p> <p>Procedure: Note: Clarified – Priority 1 is the highest priority. When funds and caseload are limited, the priority system makes sure clients with the greatest risk will receive WIC benefits before those with lower risk.</p>	With the “Not Meeting Dietary Guidelines” risks, regression isn’t needed and this priority and risk isn’t used in Washington WIC.
“Eligibility Period for Pregnant Women” p. 3	<p>Information: Added: When staff enroll the breastfeeding infant of a woman, the woman receives the Fully Breastfeeding Food Package even though she is in the “Pregnant” category. Added example of the above.</p>	The Fully Breastfeeding Food Package is available in the food package list for pregnant women.
“Eligibility Period for Breastfeeding Women” p. 4	<p>Policy: Added Note and Example: In the month the infant turns 12 months old, a breastfeeding woman doesn’t get checks if her baby has reached the first birthday. Refer to Chapter 23 – WIC Foods.</p> <p>Information: Added: If a breastfeeding woman stops breastfeeding and is more than 6 months postpartum, her eligibility ends.</p>	

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<p>“Eligibility Period for Postpartum Women” p. 5</p>	<p>Information: Moved policy note to information. Clarified: A woman on WIC during pregnancy, who doesn’t breastfeed, receives the Pregnant Food Package through the end of the month she turns six weeks postpartum. She may be recertified as Postpartum and receive the Pregnant Food Package through the end of the month. Added: The end of pregnancy includes: live birth, miscarriage, termination and fetal death.</p>	
<p>“Eligibility Period for Children” p. 7</p>	<p>Policy: Changed from 6 month eligibility period to a 12 month eligibility period. Added: Staff must not certify or recertify a child on the day of or after the day the child turns 5 years old.</p>	
<p>“One Month Extension to the Eligibility Period”</p>	<p>Deleted policy.</p>	<p>Replaced with the new policy listed below.</p>
<p>“Providing WIC Services to Clients in the Expired Status” p. 8</p>	<p>New policy: Staff have the option to provide one month of WIC benefits to clients with an “expired” status when appointments aren’t available for the recertification. Staff must complete the recertification the following month before providing checks or other WIC benefits. Procedure: Supports policy.</p>	



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