WIC Income Tab Data Report
Background

- There’s a lot of attention at the federal level on WIC’s income eligibility determination.
Background

• Washington WIC will have a Management Evaluation (ME) in early 2016
  – FNS staff will review policy and procedures
  – They will visit local clinics to observe clinic practices
Income Tab Data Request

Participating clients in March 2015
Total participating caseload = 163,052
Results

Piqued our interest
Results

Clinic staff are doing a GREAT job!

- There were few errors
- The magnitude of the errors was small
- Some limitations in the data
Household size

Most households have 4 people

- Cascades income tab is **household** based
- Could greatly decrease staff workload

We’ll need to decide carefully what income information to migrate to the new system
Household Size

- Most households of 1 were infants or children
- Households of 1 = 2.4%
- Foster Care as the source of income = 1.3%
- **Each** foster child is a household of 1
- Select **Foster Care** as the source of income
Household Size

134 BF women listed as a household of 1
Source of Income

- Most common primary source of income = employment (70.5%)
- Large majority (77.1%) have some income from employment

Most clients/caregivers are employed
Adjunctive Eligibility

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<th>Program</th>
<th># of clients</th>
<th>% of caseload</th>
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<td>Medicaid Title 19 and state/federal non-Title 19</td>
<td>101,653</td>
<td>62.3 %</td>
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<td>TANF</td>
<td>891</td>
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<td>SNAP</td>
<td>2,538</td>
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Adjunctive Eligibility

- 64.5% had adjunctive eligibility for themselves
- Only 1.6% had adjunctive eligibility due to a household member
- 66.1% had some form of adjunctive eligibility
Adjunctive Eligibility

Use these boxes to document adjunctive eligibility when this WIC client is on the income-qualifying program.
Adjunctive Eligibility

Use the Adjunctive Eligibility (Adj Elig) pop-up to document adjunctive eligibility due to a household member.
Adjunctive Eligibility

- The majority of these clients had a P1 number in Client Services
- 3% didn’t have a number in the P1 field
  - The P1 number could be in the Comments field

63.8 % used ProviderOne for adjunctive eligibility
Adjunctive Eligibility

When the *client* is on the income-qualifying program:

- Check this box
- Document the P1 number here
Adjunctive Eligibility

When the client is adjunctive eligibility due to a household member:

- Use the (Adj Elig) pop-up
- Document the P1 number in the Comment field
Adjunctive Eligibility

4,072 (0.1%) have:
• The Medicaid box marked
• No P1 number
• Income above WIC guidelines

- Document the P1 number
- Make sure you get a “positive” search result
Adjunctive Eligibility

The last P1 number searched is saved and can’t be removed

Unexpected finding
22.1% had a P1 number listed but no adjunctive eligibility documented
Adjunctive Eligibility

Medicaid Expansion

- The GAO estimated 2–9% of clients with adjunctive eligibility have income over WIC’s guidelines

3.6% of clients with adjunctive eligibility have income over WIC’s guidelines
Zero Income

Upcoming policy change:
• Each household must have an income
• “In-kind” benefits can’t be used to define a separate household

WA WIC
2.7% zero income

National Average
0.8% zero income
Proof of ID

ProviderOne Card
68.8%
112,179

WIC Appt/ID Folder
6.1%
9,957

Driver’s License
5.0%
8,236
Very low rates of no proof:

• “Not Provided” Grace Period = 0.3% (n = 488)

• No Proof of Residency/ID Form = 0.1% (n = 133)
Proof of ID

For 1.7% the ID didn’t match the category

Infants and Children had these marked:
- Driver’s license
- Voter Registration Card
- Work and school ID

• Each WIC client must show ID
Proof of Income

A fairly large number had the P1 card selected as proof of income, but no adjunctive eligibility marked

17% (n = 28,565)
Proof of Income

Less common
Adjunctive eligibility marked, but the proof didn’t match (usually paystubs were marked)

5.2% (n= 8,526)
Proof of Income

We’re changing policy

- Adjunctive eligibility = proof of the program
- Income-based eligibility = paystubs

Match the proof of income to how the person is eligible

Remember to mark the adjunctive eligibility boxes at the top of the screen
Proof of Income

Low rates of no proof:

• “Not Provided” Grace Period = 0.7% (n = 1,133)
• WIC Statement of Income Form = 0.9% (n = 1,511)
Income Averaging and Interval

Changing policy:
- GAO report – need more consistency
- Monthly = last 30 days

Don’t forget about the option to income average:
- Fluctuating income
- Recent raise
- Lump sum payment

Monthly Interval 62.8%
Income Averaging 0.1%
Proof of Residency

ProviderOne Card
77.0%
125,599

WA Driver’s License
7.7%
12,570

Utility bill
4.8%
7,765
Proof of Residency

Low rates of no proof:

- Grace Period = 0.4%
- No Proof of Residency = 0.2%
Next Steps

- Submit policy changes to FNS this month
- Develop training materials and staff tools
- Keep doing what you’re doing
- Review training materials with staff
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