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Adjunctive income eligibility – if a WIC applicant is a member of a family which contains a TANF recipient, or is a member of a family in which a pregnant woman or an infant is certified eligible to receive assistance under Medicaid/Hoosier Healthwise, they are adjunctively income eligible for the WIC Program. (If a WIC applicant is a current participant of Medicaid/Hoosier Healthwise (Package A, B, D and E), Food Stamps or TANF, they are adjunctively income eligible for the WIC Program.)

Alternate authorized representative – other custodial parent/guardian. Step parents are not considered alternate authorized representatives.

Applicant – a pregnant, breastfeeding or postpartum woman; infant; or child who is applying to receive WIC Program benefits, includes a participant who is reapplying because the certification period is about to expire.

Authorized representative - custodial parent/guardian who has legal custody of the applicant/participant. Caretakers and step parents are not considered authorized representatives.

Automated Data Program (ADP) – term used in the policies to refer to the data base system currently under contract with State of Indiana WIC Program.

Days – means calendar days.

Caretaker –someone who financially supports and provides daily care for a minor in the absence of a legal guardian. Step parents are not considered caretakers except in the absence of a legal guardian.

Certification - implementation of criteria and procedures to assess and document each applicant's eligibility for the program.

CHIRP – Children and Hoosier Immunization Registry Program

Contract formula – those formulas included on the current statewide infant formula contract and shown as “Contract” (C) on the most current Indiana WIC Authorized Formulas list maintained by the state WIC office.

Economic Unit or “Household” – refers to a group of people, not necessarily related, living together in the same dwelling. All persons living under one roof are generally one economic unit or household.

Temporary living arrangements may qualify for a separate household for a one year period.

Exempt infant formulas - for infants who have medical or dietary problems, errors of metabolism, or are low birthweight or premature. Formulas identified as "Exempt" (E) on the most current Indiana WIC Authorized Formulas list maintained by the state WIC office.

Exposure incident - when an employee or participant's eye, mouth, or other mucous membrane, non-intact skin comes in contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials.

EFNEP/FNP – Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program/Family Nutrition Program

Guardian – someone who possesses legal documentation that they have custody of the minor.

Gross Income – wages before taxes and deductions

Health Services – ongoing, routine pediatric and obstetric care (such as infant and child care and prenatal and postpartum examinations) or referral for treatment.

Homeless Individual – a woman, infant, or child who lacks a fixed and regular nighttime residence; or whose primary nighttime residence is defined as a homeless facility.

Homeless facility – is defined as one of the following:

1. A publicly or privately operated shelter (including a welfare hotel, a congregate shelter, or a shelter for victims of domestic violence) designated to provide temporary living accommodation;
1. An institution that provides a temporary residence for individuals intended to be institutionalized;
3. A temporary accommodation of not more than 365 days in the residence of another individual; or
4. A public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

Household size – a group of people, not necessarily related, living together as one economic unit (except that residents of a homeless facility or an institution are not considered as members of a single family). Household/family members share income and consumption of goods and/or services.

Ineligible – an applicant does not qualify for WIC program benefits.

Internet Learning Module – on-line learning activities which may be accessed at <http://wichealth.org/>

Imperviously-backed - material incapable of being penetrated.

Income - gross wages and other monetary payments for the household.

In-State transfer – a person who moves from one local WIC agency to another WIC agency within Indiana.

Institution – any residential accommodation, which provides meal service. Exceptions are private residences and homeless facilities.

Medicaid participant – a person receiving Medicaid/Hoosier Healthwise package A,B,D and E. Package C is excluded.

Medical Data Update – a midpoint screening for an infant to assess nutritional status and provide counseling.

Medical Food and Nutritionals - for children and adults with a specific medical or nutritional need. Formulas identified as “Medical Formula” (MF) on the most current Indiana WIC Authorized Formulas list maintained by the state WIC office.

Migrants – (migrant farm workers) individuals whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been so employed within the last 24 months, and who establish, for the purposes of such employment, a temporary abode. Income is good for 12 months.

Non-contract formulas - all standard infant formulas listed as “Non-contract” (NC) on the most current Indiana WIC Authorized Formulas list maintained by the state WIC office.

Nutrition education - individual and group sessions and the provision of materials that are designed to improve health status and achieve positive change in dietary and physical activity habits, and that emphasize the relationship between nutrition, physical activity, and health, all in keeping with the personal and cultural preferences of the individual.

Nutrition risk –

1. Detrimental or abnormal nutritional conditions detectable by biochemical or anthropometric measurements;
2. Other documented nutritionally related medical conditions;
3. Dietary deficiencies that impair or endanger health;
4. Conditions that directly affect the nutritional health of a person, including alcoholism or drug abuse; or
5. Conditions that predispose persons to inadequate nutritional patterns including, but not limited to, foster care, homelessness and migrancy.

Out-of-State transfer – a person who moves from a local WIC agency in another state or U.S. territory to any WIC agency within Indiana.

Other harmful substances – other substances such as tobacco, prescription drugs and over-the-counter medications that can be harmful to the health of the WIC population, especially the pregnant woman and her fetus.

Potentially infectious materials - human body fluids including urine, feces, semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva in dental procedures, any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood.

Proxy - a prenatal/postpartum minor applicant OR a person 18 years or older, who is designated by the parent/guardian to act on their behalf to obtain and transact food purchases.

Qualified Nutritionist - includes

1. Credentials of a Registered Dietitian (R.D.) or eligibility for registration with the American Dietetic Association;
- **OR** -
2. Master or doctoral degree in the field of nutrition from an accredited college or university.

Residence – location or address where applicant routinely lives or spends the night.

Second Nutrition education – interactions between participants and WIC Staff that achieve positive change in dietary and physical activity habits.

Self-Employed Income – income earned after business expenses.

Special nutrition risk applicants – prenatal, infant and applicants who meet the federal criteria for being migrant farm workers.

TANF – Temporary Assistance for Needy Families

Termination – participant is removed from the program.

U.S. Nationals – individuals who are U.S. citizens or individuals who are not U.S. citizens but owe permanent allegiance to the U.S. as determined in accordance with the Immigration and Nationality Act.