

**Indiana WIC Program
Indiana State Department of Health**

Hospital Certification

Policy

In hospitals where WIC certifications are performed, newborn infants and postpartum women, including women who were not on WIC during their pregnancy, will be offered information and the opportunity to enroll in WIC while hospitalized. All eligible individuals will be offered enrollment regardless of county of residency.

Authority

7 CFR 246.6 (f) (1)(2)

Procedures

- I. Standard certification procedures must be followed.
- II. Hospital data may be used for the infant applicant's weight and length.
- III. Hospital data may be used for postpartum applicant's weight and height.
- IV. With the exception of exclusively breastfed infants all certified participants shall be issued WIC benefits.
- V. The CPA will schedule the participant(s) for a follow-up appointment or provide appropriate clinic contact information to the client.
- VI. The CPA will provide breastfeeding and nutrition education and lactation support to all potentially eligible clients and certified clients.