Policy

The local agency shall enter into a written agreement with other public organizations and health programs that provide services to WIC eligible individuals and families.

Purpose

To improve access to publicly administered health care programs for WIC applicants and participants in need of such services.

Procedures

I. If the local agency wishes to disclose confidential applicant and participant information to other public organizations that serve similar populations, the following shall apply:

A. The local agency disclosing the information must enter into a written agreement or memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the other public organization.

B. The MOU must specify that the receiving organization may use the confidential applicant and participant information only for:

   1. Establishing the eligibility of WIC applicants or participants for the programs that the receiving organization administers;
   2. Conducting outreach to WIC applicants and participants for such programs;
   3. Enhancing the health, education, or well-being of WIC applicants or participants who are currently enrolled in such programs, including the reporting of known or suspected child abuse or neglect;
   4. Streamlining administrative procedures in order to minimize burdens on staff, applicants, or participants in either the receiving program or the WIC Program; and,
   5. Assessing and evaluating the receiving program’s responsiveness to participants’ health care needs and health care outcomes.

C. The MOU must contain the receiving organization’s assurance that it will not use the information for any other purpose or disclose the information to a third party.

II. The local agency must notify the State WIC Office of all agreements and MOUs entered into with other local public organizations and programs.
Health Care Agreements

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7 C.F.R. § 246.4(a)(16) and (26)
7 C.F.R. § 246.6(b)(3) and (5)
7 C.F.R. § 246.7(b)
7 C.F.R. § 246.26(d)(2)(ii)
7 C.F.R § 246.26 (h)(3)

Definitions/Supporting Information

(None)