

**Participant Referral To Other Agencies**

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**Policy**

WIC participants must be referred to other health-related services and public assistance programs for which they are eligible. All WIC participants not already enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicaid, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) must be referred at least one time. Participants shall be informed of these programs and, if needed, be provided with the addresses and telephone numbers of local/state offices.

**Purpose**

To ensure WIC participants are provided access to health care and services to maintain and enhance their overall health.

**Procedures**

- I. Local agencies are encouraged to coordinate with and refer participants to the Cooperative Extension Service, Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP), Head Start, Pre-K, and other programs.
- II. Staff should refer participants to other health services offered within the health department system and other agencies and services. These include, but are not limited to:

<b>MATERNAL HEALTH PROGRAMS</b>	<b>CHILD HEALTH PROGRAMS</b>
High Risk Pregnancy Program	Children 1 <sup>st</sup>
Family Planning Program	Children Medical Services
Sexually Transmitted Disease	Immunization Program
	Lead Screening Program
<b>ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS</b>	Health Check
SNAP	Dental Health Program
Medicaid	Vision Screening Program
Right from the Start	<b>COMMUNITY RESOURCES</b>
TANF	AIDS Program
Head Start	Private Physician
	Mental Health and Substance Abuse Program

- III. CPAs are required to refer participants with the following nutrition risks to the District Children 1<sup>st</sup> coordinator:

Risk 134:	Failure to Thrive
Risk 211:	Elevated Blood Lead Level

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Risk 348:	Central Nervous System Disorders
Risk 349:	Genetic and Congenital Disorders
Risk 351:	Inborn Errors of Metabolism
Risk 362:	Developmental, Sensory or Motor Delays Interfering with Ability to Eat
Risk 382:	Fetal Alcohol Syndrome
Risk 703:	Infant Born to Mother with Mental Retardation, or Alcohol or Drug Abuse during Most Recent Pregnancy
Risk 801:	Homeless
Risk 901:	Recipient of Abuse

To initiate the referral process, CPAs must complete the Children 1<sup>st</sup> Screening and Referral Form, or follow the District Children 1st referral procedures.

- IV. CPAs shall provide additional prenatal information, assistance, or support to participants in need, and refer participants to the appropriate person(s) designated through the local agency breastfeeding program for additional breastfeeding information.

**Authority**

7 C.F.R. § 246.7(b)

Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA)

WIC Nutrition Services Standards

**Definitions/Supporting Information**

**Children 1<sup>st</sup>** – Administered by the Georgia Department of Public Health, it serves as a single point of entry for children, birth to age five. Children 1st facilitates early identification of at-risk children and links them with early interventions services, as well as other public health services and community based resources.