

**INFORMATION MEMO #15-03**

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** District Nutrition Services Directors

**FROM:** Anthony McGaughey   
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**DATE:** August 10, 2015

**SUBJECT:** WIC Systems Changes Update

This memo is intended to provide a summary of WIC systems changes that are scheduled to be applied effective August 3, 2015 - September 3, 2015.

Your system developer should provide notification as to when your system will be updated. In December, System Developers received work orders to implement Voucher Management and Reporting System (VMARS) Phase II Edits changes. With the help of the VMARS Phase II Committee, these changes were agreed to be the most reasonable to accomplish in a timely manner.

**VMARS Phase II Edits Changes**

1. PNSS (Pregnancy Nutrition Surveillance System) data is no longer being collected. The following data elements 82-89 will be discontinued and will not be collected by the front end system or sent to (Computer Science Corporation) CSC. These items are no longer required to print on certification forms:

DE#	DE Name
82	Diabetes During Pregnancy
83	Hypertension During Pregnancy – Postpartum Visit
84	Multivitamin Consumption Prior to Pregnancy
85	Multivitamin Consumption During Pregnancy
86	Cigarettes per day prior to Pregnancy
88	Cigarettes per Day Post-Partum Visit
89	Cigarettes per Day Last Three Months of Pregnancy
91	Household Smoking Postpartum Visit
92	Drinks Per Week three Months Prior to Pregnancy
112	Recumbent/Standing



2. The following data elements have been renamed and redefined:

DE#	DE Name - Old	DE Name -New	Change
80	Parity	N/A	New definition: Previously restricted to > 20 weeks includes all previous pregnancies (does not include current pregnancy)
81	Date Last Pregnancy Ended	Date Previous Pregnancy Ended	N/A
87	Cigarettes per Day Prenatal Visit	Maternal Smoking	Expanded to all women Transaction Types: C, S, A, W-C, and U is optional
90	Household Smoking Prenatal Visit	Household Smoking	WIC Types: P, N, B, I, C Transaction Types: C, S, M, H, A, W-C, and U is optional
93	Drinks per Week Pregnancy Last Three Months of Pregnancy	Drinks per Week	WIC Types: P, N, B Transaction Types: C, S, A, W-C, U is optional

The following data elements are being updated to collect nutrition education provided at certification and mid-year assessments. The update will also help to more accurately capture nutrition education topics provided through online resources.

3. Data Element name changes (remove “Secondary” and” follow-up” from name). Nutrition education data elements will be used for all nutrition education (at certification and secondary):

DE #	Current Name	New Name
95	Secondary Nutrition Education Follow-up Date	Nutrition Education Date
96	Secondary Nutrition Education Follow-up Contact Provided	Nutrition Education Contact Provided Added Primary as a choice
97	Secondary Nutrition Education Follow-up Type	Nutrition Education Type
98	Secondary Nutrition Education Follow-up Topics	Nutrition Education Topics  Online Nutrition Education Choices (NEW): 401 – Fruits and Vegetables 402 – Calcium 403 – Cholesterol 404 – Oral Health 405 – Iron 406 - Breastfeeding 407 - Strong4Life 408 – Physical Activity
99	Secondary Nutrition Education Follow-up Contact Provider	Nutrition Education Contact Provider

4. Electronic Nutrition Questionnaire (staff side)

Category	Change
Inappropriate Nutrition Practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When risk 400 is selected, user must choose at least one inappropriate nutrition practice                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– For each INP selected, a text box will be provided to enter documentation</li> <li>– Documentation will print on cert form</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Goal Text Box	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All systems will provide a place to document goal</li> <li>• Space for 200 characters (some systems will allow for more)</li> <li>• Goal will print on certification form</li> </ul>

5. Risk Changes

DE#	DE Name	Change
30	Reason for Certification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk 361 – “Depression removed as risk for child</li> <li>• Risk 381 – “Dental Problems” renamed “Oral Health”</li> </ul>

A Power Point presentation of the system changes presented at the Nutrition Services Director’s meeting is available online at <https://dph.georgia.gov/district-resources>.

If you have any questions, please contact Astride Ainsley, WIC Technology Manager at 404-232-1214 or by email at [Astride.Ainsley@dph.ga.gov](mailto:Astride.Ainsley@dph.ga.gov).

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