

**Public Comment Period****Policy No. CM- 740.03**

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**Policy**

The State agency shall establish a procedure under which the general public are provided an opportunity to comment on the development of the State agency plan

**Purpose**

The WIC Program is a valuable program serving women, infants and children in need in Georgia. Public comments and suggestions are important and useful ways to evaluate the program and ensure that it is effectively serving families.

**Procedures**

- I. On an annual basis, the State Agency will notify participants, vendors, advocates, and the general public about the Public Comment Period.
- II. The Public Comment Period will be for 30 days and will solicit responses via Survey Monkey
- III. Public Comments questions will be accessed via Survey Monkey through the Georgia WIC Program website ([dph.georgia.gov/WIC](http://dph.georgia.gov/WIC)) and Georgia WIC Online Nutrition Education website ([georgiawiconline.org](http://georgiawiconline.org))
- IV. The WIC Communication and Outreach Liaison will prepare news release or other communication tool as deemed appropriate by the Georgia Department of Public Health (DPH) to notify the public of the Georgia WIC Program Public Comment period. The DPH Office of Communications will disseminate the news release or other tool to statewide media outlets (newspapers, radio and television stations) listed in the agency's database and also on the Georgia WIC Program website.
- V. The news release will include the full USDA non-discrimination statement.

**Authority**

7 CFR 246.4(b)  
Subpart A-State Plan-Outreach  
Agreements with Local Agency

**Definitions/Supporting Information**

(None)