

641—73.9(135) Education.**73.9(1) Nutrition education for WIC participants.**

a. Nutrition education is provided as a benefit to all women and to parents of all children enrolled in the WIC program.

b. A minimum of two nutrition education contacts shall be offered to each woman participant or the parent/guardian of children/infants participating in WIC during each certification period.

c. Nutrition education shall be based on information obtained through the nutrition interview and shall be tailored to the specific nutrition need of the participant.

d. All pregnant women enrolled in WIC shall be offered education on the benefits of breastfeeding.

e. Education in normal nutrition, i.e., education in nutrition for life-cycle stages, shall be provided in accordance with the Iowa WIC Policy and Procedure Manual.

f. Participants who are at high risk, as defined in the Iowa WIC Policy and Procedure Manual, shall receive counseling and a nutrition plan of care developed by a licensed dietitian. The plan of care shall be documented in the participant record and shall include scheduling a minimum of one individual education contact by a licensed dietitian.

g. The department shall make nutrition education materials and resources available at no cost to contract agencies. The department reserves the right to review and approve or disapprove any printed materials or lesson plans developed by contract agencies.

h. To the extent that time and resources are available, nutrition education may be provided to applicants who are not eligible to receive other WIC services.

73.9(2) Education of contract agency personnel. Agencies accepting WIC funds shall be responsible for ensuring that all agency staff or contractors are adequately trained for their responsibilities. At a minimum, training shall include the components described in the Iowa WIC Policy and Procedure Manual.

Continuing education is an allowable WIC administrative expense for contract agency staff and contractors who provide nutrition education.

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