

## Division of Community Nutrition

<i>Subject:</i> <b>Categorical Eligibility</b>		<i>Policy:</i> <b>CRT 02.0</b>
<i>Reference:</i> <b>CFR §246.7</b>	<i>Effective:</i> <b>August 12, 2013</b>	<i>Supersedes:</i> <b>August 1, 2007</b>

### **I. Policy:**

An applicant shall be a pregnant, breastfeeding, or postpartum woman, infant, or child under five (5) years of age to be eligible for WIC benefits and services.

### **II. Procedure(s):**

A. Determine if an applicant is in a category served by the WIC Program:

- 1) Pregnant Women: women with one (1) or more embryos or fetuses in utero.
- 2) Breastfeeding women: women up to one (1) year postpartum who are partially or fully breastfeeding an infant.
- 3) Postpartum women: women up to six (6) months after termination of pregnancy, including still birth, miscarriage, and therapeutic abortion.
- 4) Infants: persons under one (1) year of age.
- 5) Children: persons who have had their first birthday but have not yet attained their fifth birthday.

B. Accept self-declaration as proof of pregnancy for a pregnant woman.

- 1) WIC Personnel shall inform participant that she will be financially liable to the WIC Program if she is obtaining WIC benefits and services under false pretenses.
- 2) If multiple fetuses are claimed, see CRT 05.2
- 3) WIC Personnel shall inform participant that she is to inform the local agency of any changes regarding her status as a pregnant woman (i.e. miscarriage, still birth, therapeutic abortion). WIC Personnel shall also request documentation as to the result of the pregnancy (still birth, miscarriage, adoption, or therapeutic abortion) at a woman's subsequent certification as a postpartum woman.