| Texas WIC |
| Health and Human Services Commission |

Coordination of Program Operations

Purpose

To simplify procedures and reduce the duplication of efforts between WIC and other health care providers in the community. To reduce the number of times WIC applicants/participants are subjected to the same assessment procedures.

Authority

State Policy

Policy

To the extent possible, local agencies (LAs) are encouraged to use the health and medical data from other health care providers to determine the eligibility of WIC applicants to streamline the WIC appointment. LAs will ensure that WIC participants are given information obtained in the WIC eligibility process to share with their health care providers.

Procedures

I.   Each LA must develop and implement a plan to encourage the exchange of health and medical data with other health care providers via the applicant/participant. A written copy of the plan must be available at the LA. At a minimum, the plan must describe steps the LA will take to encourage:

   A.   applicants and participants to share health/medical data from their health care providers; and

   B.   external health care providers to provide WIC participants with health data needed to determine WIC eligibility. (See CS:17.0 Documentation of a Complete Nutrition Assessment for length of time referral data is valid.)

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Guidelines

Programs with whom local agencies may coordinate include but are not
limited to the following:

I.   Family Planning;
II.   Immunizations;
III.   Maternal and Child Health;
IV.   Texas Health Steps;
V.   breastfeeding support and education groups;
VI.   Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP);
VII.   Medicaid;
VIII.   alcohol and drug abuse counseling;
IX.   Child Protective Services (CPS);
X.   Early Childhood Intervention (ECI);
XI.   Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN);
XII.   Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP).