

MI-WIC POLICY

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2.09 Physical Presence

PURPOSE: To establish requirements and exceptions for physical presence of an applicant/client at the certification visit.

A. POLICY

1. Persons applying for WIC services are required to be physically present at each WIC certification. Exceptions may be granted for the following reasons:
 - a. Individuals with disabilities, or their parents/caretakers with disabilities, who are unable to be physically present at the WIC clinic because of:
 - i. A medical condition that necessitates the use of medical equipment that is not easily transportable.
 - ii. A medical condition that requires bed rest.
 - iii. A serious illness that may be exacerbated by coming in to the WIC clinic.
 - b. Infants and children who were physically present for the initial certification and have documented, ongoing health care, and being physically present would pose an unreasonable barrier.
 - c. Infants and children who were physically present for the initial certification **and** were present at a certification visit within 1 year from the most recent certification determination, **and** are under the care of one or more parents/caretakers whose work status presents a barrier to bringing the infant or child to the WIC clinic.
 - d. Infants under 8 weeks of age, who for reasons determined appropriate by the local agency, cannot be present at certification.

Note: In these instances, the local agency may require a CPA to verify the existence of the infant by the age of 8 weeks.

- e. A client who was visited and screened at home or in another local agency program by a CPA staff, provided that all elements of WIC certification have been completed and provided to WIC clinic staff.

B. GUIDANCE

1. Local agency policy may be developed which requires infants not present at the initial certification visit to be scheduled for an appointment by 2 months of age for growth and/or nutritional assessment.

Reference:

7 CFR 246.7(o)