

# **MI-WIC POLICY**

## ***Eligibility/Certification***

### **2.0 Eligibility/Certification**

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### **2.10 Proof of Pregnancy**

**PURPOSE:** To insure that pregnant applicants to the Michigan WIC Program provide proof of pregnancy or miscarriage/termination of pregnancy at the time of enrollment.

#### **A. POLICY**

1. Any woman who claims to be pregnant and is otherwise eligible must receive WIC benefits. Inability to verify pregnancy at the time of certification shall not constitute a barrier to WIC participation.
  - a. A woman's claim or self-declaration of pregnancy may be used as proof of pregnancy.
  - b. A short certification of up to 60 days may be assigned, and benefits issued, for applicants who self-declare pregnancy.
  - c. The pregnancy must be verified within 60 days, by a health care provider or the CPA, to continue the woman's WIC participation. If the woman's pregnancy is not verified within 60 days, she shall be terminated. (See Policy 2.17 Certification Periods)
2. Proof of pregnancy is required to certify a pregnant woman in the form of:
  - a. A written statement from a physician/health care provider
  - b. Ultrasound documentation
  - c. WIC referral form
  - d. Physical appearance
  - e. Other: (describe verification accepted in system note)
3. Early termination of pregnancy: For a client to enroll as a postpartum woman, she must provide proof of pregnancy or termination of pregnancy unless proof of pregnancy was provided prenatally.

Reference:

7 CFR 246.7

Cross-References:

2.01 Eligibility/Certification of Clients

2.17 Certification Periods