

4.0 Breastfeeding

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4.09 Specialty Feeding Equipment

PURPOSE: To maintain the integrity of breastfeeding for the mother-infant dyad and to provide temporary alternative methods of feeding should the infant not be able to sustain a latch at the breast, not have successful milk transfer, be temporarily separated from the mother or require additional supplementation.

A. POLICY:

I. Issuance

- a. The Local Agency must ensure that proper issuance, use, education, documentation, and follow-up care are completed for all clients issued specialty feeding equipment. Refer to 4.09 Exhibit A- Exhibit D for descriptions, indications for use and procedures for specialty feeding equipment.
- b. Specialty feeding equipment must be issued by an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC), IBCLC candidate or WIC staff who possess lactation management certification (e.g. CLS, CLC or CLE) and have completed Advanced Clinical Skills training.
- c. Equipment may be issued after the following has been completed:
 - i. Breastfeeding dyad has been fully evaluated
 - ii. Other interventions have failed
 - iii. Client-centered education has determined parent is willing to use and can properly demonstrate use of the specialty feeding equipment.
- d. Issuance of a specialty feeding device requires:
 - i. Providing instruction on using the specialty feeding equipment with an explanation emphasizing that the intervention is a *temporary* solution.
 - ii. Arranging a follow up appointment for the infant within one week, or more often if needed.
 - iii. Monitoring milk production while using a specialty feeding device.
 - iv. Referring client back to physician for any weight or medical issues.
 - v. Completion of an assessment and feeding plan.

II. Documentation

- a. Record all contacts and feeding plan in the client's MI-WIC record including date of next follow up appointment.
- b. Documentation of a feeding plan must include:
 - i. Indication for specialty feeding equipment.
 - ii. Type of specialty feeding equipment used.
 - iii. Infant's response to feeding equipment.
 - iv. Parent ability to utilize specialty feeding equipment.
 - v. Method in which infant is being fed.
 - vi. Methods to protect mother's milk supply.
- c. A feeding plan must be entered in MI-WIC under the Breastfeeding Notes tab or scanned into MI-WIC record.

REFERENCES:

Federal Regulations 7 CRF 247.14(c)(10)

Policy Memorandum #94-7: Direct/Indirect Breastfeeding Aids

USDA Breastfeeding Policy and Guidance 2016

5.2 Breastfeeding Aids and Accessories

5.3 Allowable WIC Breastfeeding Aids

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