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TO: Program Coordinators
Program/Site Nutritionists
Nutritionists

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**SUBJECT: Revised Medical Documentation Form and Instructions for Health Care Providers
Revised Policy 400-11 Use of Medical Documentation Form**

This memorandum serves to inform you of changes to the following:

- Medical documentation forms for Infants/Children and Women
- Policy 400-11 Use of Medical Documentation Form
- Instructions to healthcare providers

Referral to a WIC Nutrition Professional

Under the Final WIC Food Package Rule, participants' health care providers (HCP) may refer to the WIC Nutritionist for identifying appropriate supplemental foods (excluding WIC formula) and their prescribed amounts. This would occur only in situations where the health care provider has indicated on the medical documentation form that the provider is referring to the WIC Nutritionist for such determinations. This gives the health care provider medical oversight while allowing the WIC Nutritionist to determine the appropriate issuance of WIC foods to participants with qualifying conditions in Food Package III.

Medical Documentation for Milk Issuance

Issuance of whole milk for children 2-5 years of age with a qualifying medical condition.

Per Policy WIC 300-14, whole milk may be issued to women and children two years of age or older only in Food Package III with a qualifying medical condition and prescribed a high calorie special formula or supplement. The completion of the medical documentation form must include the qualifying ICD code and medical condition, the prescribed higher calorie formula/supplement and/or selection of need for whole milk.

Issuance of Fat-reduced milks for children 12-23 months of age.

Under the WIC Final Food Package Rule, reduced fat milk may be issued to children 12-24 months old for whom overweight or obesity is a concern however medical documentation from the child's HCP is required. Documentation should specify what type of milk 2%, 1% or skim but does not require an ICD code.

Instructions to the Healthcare Provider

The instructions sheet for the healthcare provider has been revised so that some of the information is located at the bottom of the medical documentation form. Based on the Final Food Package Rule additional revisions are included but are streamlined for ease to the reader. Please be advised that the Instructions sheet will be posted to the webpage and printing of the instructions is no longer required. However, when providing outreach/education to providers, it is recommended that local agencies reference the Instructions to ensure clarity.

Please be aware that the ICD 9 codes will transition to ICD 10 in October 2015. There will be updates based on this transition and further information is forthcoming in FY2016.

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