

## **SD-WIC Policy**

## **Eligibility/Certification**

### **2.0 Eligibility/Certification**

#### **2.10 Pregnancy Verification**

**PURPOSE:** Pregnancy Testing may be offered to applicants of the WIC program. The purpose for testing includes:

- Assuring the earliest prenatal care
- Providing verification of pregnancy for Medicaid eligibility
- Providing verification for WIC eligibility

#### **POLICY**

- At the time of the initial certification, during the nutrition and health assessment, if a client indicates they have not received any prenatal care or have not applied for Medicaid pregnancy benefits, a pregnancy test may be offered.
- If a client does not appear to be progressing in their pregnancy (i.e. not gaining weight, possible miscarriage) after the initial certification, a pregnancy test may be offered for eligibility verification and assessing the need for medical referrals. If pregnancy test is refused, staff will ask the client to complete a Release of Health Information form and then request the information from the physician. Release of Health Information can be found in Policy and Procedure Manual, policy 1.09B.
- Testing will be provided at no cost to client. Staff time should be coded to WIC Client Services. (PHA sites: WI-520).

#### **GUIDANCE**

##### **Pregnancy Testing Positive Result**

- Complete Verification of Positive Pregnancy Test form and provide to participant.
- Refer to physician for prenatal visit and make other appropriate referrals.
- Document in Family and Community Health Services Lab Log.

##### **Pregnancy Testing Negative Result**

- Make participant ineligible for WIC services.
- Document in Family and Community Health Services Lab Log.
- If indicated, schedule appointment for repeat testing or refer appropriately.

##### **Repeat Pregnancy Testing**

- If positive make eligible for WIC.
- Document in Family and Community Health Services Lab Log.
- Complete process as listed under Pregnancy Testing Positive Results.

##### **Ordering Pregnancy Tests**

- Clinics co-located with Family Planning office – use supply from Family Planning.
- Clinics not co-located with Family Planning office – contact Administrative Assistant of Family and Community Health Services to place a supply order.

#### **Reference:**

**7 CFR 246.7**

#### **Cross Reference:**

**2.01 Eligibility/Certification of Clients**

**2.10B Pregnancy Test Verification Form**

**2.10A Pregnancy Test Log Sheet**

**2.16 Certification Periods**