

Welcome to CNMI WIC

Participant Rights and Obligations

Our pledge to you

Health Information

- WIC provides helpful tips on nutrition and active living.
- WIC supports and helps with breastfeeding.
- WIC will contact your healthcare provider to discuss nutritional needs for you and/or your child upon your request.

Healthy Foods

- WIC provides your family with benefits to buy healthy foods.

Fair Treatment

- WIC Rules are the same for everyone.
- You have the right to appeal decisions made by WIC about your eligibility.
- If you do not understand your Rights and Obligations, you have the right, at any time, to ask a WIC staff member to explain them to you.

Privacy

All the information provided to WIC will be kept private.

Help Getting Enrolled in Services

- If you move to a different area, your WIC information will be shared with the new WIC clinic if you request.
- WIC provides referrals to health and social services that may help your family.
- If you have other questions, ask to speak with a WIC Clinic Manager.

Your pledge to WIC

Honesty

- Do not sell, trade, or give away eWIC cards, food, formula or breast pumps (the intention alone could be grounds for removal from the program).
- If WIC determines you have attempted to sell or had intention to sell any benefits (foods, eWIC cards, formula or breast pumps) verbally, in print or online through any type of social media, you will be subject to disqualification from the program.
- You can only enroll in one (1) WIC Program at any given time.
- eWIC cards are for you and your children and are not to be changed or altered in any manner

Accurate Information

- Provide the most current and truthful information (WIC staff may verify that this information is correct).

Good Use of the Program

- Be courteous and respectful towards all WIC clinic and store staff.
- Buy only WIC-approved foods.
- Shop only at WIC-approved stores.
- Following the rules of the WIC Program is important to avoid being prosecuted, disqualified, and/or asked to repay the program.
- Be on time for your WIC appointment. If you cannot keep an appointment, call your local WIC office before your scheduled appointment.
- I understand I am responsible for the actions of the other authorized representative and/or proxy named in my file.

Protect your Benefits

- Keep your eWIC card safe, immediately report all lost and/or stolen eWIC cards to your WIC office.
- Allow only the approved authorized representative or proxy to use your eWIC card.

In accordance with 7 CFR 246.26, the CEO of the Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) has authorized the use and disclosure of WIC participant information to the following programs: Early Intervention, CNMI Immunization Program, Community Guidance Center (CGC), Maternal and Child Health Program, Family Planning Program, H.O.M.E Visiting Program, Head Start & Early Head Start Program, PSS Early Childhood Special Education Program, Medicaid Office, NAP (Nutrition Assistance Program), and other activities requested by the United States Department of Agriculture.

By signing this form, I agree to all the above:

Signature of Authorized Representative

Date

Signature & Title of Certifier

Signature of Income Verifier (if different)

Date

I agree to allow WIC staff to; (initials)

____ take height and weight for me and/or my child

____ take a small amount of blood to check the iron level for me and/or my child

____ physically touch me or my child during breast feeding instruction

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