

Nutrition/Health Volume
Certification Section

Risk Factor 332 **Short Interpregnancy Interval** (formerly known as **Closely Spaced Pregnancies**) (2.04465)

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POLICY: Risk Factor 332 **Short Interpregnancy Interval (IPI)**, formerly known as *Closely Spaced Pregnancies* is defined as an interpregnancy interval of less than 18 months from the date of a live birth to the conception of the subsequent pregnancy for the following:

Category	Pregnancy
Pregnant Women	Current pregnancy
Breastfeeding/Non-Breastfeeding Women	Most recent pregnancy

Note: The evidence-based information supporting this criterion is specific to live births and did not include women who had miscarriages or stillbirths. Thus, the definition for this criterion is specific only to women who experienced live births. Women whose pregnancies did not result in a live birth may be assigned, as appropriate, Risk #321 *History of Spontaneous Abortions, Fetal or Neonatal Loss*.

PROCEDURES:

- A. Obtaining Data
 - 1. Obtain information on participant's outcome.
- B. Documenting
 - 1. Enter the woman's LMP date in MOWINS.
- C. Assigning Risk Factors
 - 1. Risk Factor 332 **Short Interpregnancy Interval** will be automatically assigned by MOWINS as indicated below:
 - i. If pregnancy record is in the system.
 - ii. If pregnancy record is not in MOWINS for the breastfeeding and non breastfeeding woman, **certifying staff** shall manually assign risk factor 332 if it applies.
 - iii. Refer to the [Risk Factor Detail Guide](#) for additional information.
 - iv. **Priority assignment for the risk factor is found in ER #2.03200.**
- D. Providing Appropriate Counseling (See [Counseling Guides](#)). Refer to the [Nutrition](#)

[Training Manual](#) for additional information. Additional education suggestions are located in the *Implications for WIC Nutrition Services* section of the USDA Regulations and Justification for the risk factor.

E. **Providing Referrals**

1. Provide appropriate referral information and document in MOWINS.