

Nutrition/Health Volume
Certification Section

Risk Factor 501 Possibility of Regression (2.04900)

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POLICY: A participant who has previously been certified eligible for the WIC Program may be considered to be at nutritional risk in the next certification period if determined there is a possibility of regression in nutritional status without the benefits of the WIC program. Assign risk factor 501 to breastfeeding women, postpartum women, and children only. Participants shall not be considered at nutritional risk based on the possibility of regression for consecutive certification periods.

PROCEDURES:

- A. The CPA must decide whether use of risk factor 501 is warranted. The risk factor to which the participant may regress must also be documented in General Notes in MOWINS.
- B. For Breastfeeding and Postpartum Women and Children: Answer the following questions prior to assigning the regression risk factor. The CPA shall assign risk factor 501 if all items are answered "yes".
 - 1. Is the person still categorically eligible?
 - 2. Was the person on WIC during the immediate past certification period?
 - 3. Does the person have any other applicable risk factor?
 - 4. Would the participant's nutritional status possibly regress if the participant was not on WIC?
- C. Regression cannot be used:
 - 1. At the initial certification
 - 2. Consecutively per risk factor
 - 3. If participant can be certified for other risk factors
 - 4. If participant was certified using only the following risk factors during the last certification period:
 - Women: 101, 111, 131, 300, 312, 321, 331, 332, 333, 335, 338 and 340
 - Women and Children: 501 and 502