

Nutrition/Health Volume
Certification Section

Risk Factor 121 - Short Stature or At Risk of Short Stature (Infants and Children)
(2.05800)

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POLICY: Risk factor 121 shall be assigned to an infant or child [when](#) the criteria listed in this policy [are met](#). Procedures for obtaining data, documentation and assigning risk factors must be followed.

PROCEDURES:

A. Obtaining Data

For an infant or child, complete the following:

1. Obtain the weight and length/height with adherence to the procedures in the [Health and Nutrition Assessment Handbook \(HNAH\)](#).

B. Documenting and Plotting

1. Record [the infant's/child's weight and length/height](#) measurements in MOWINS.
2. [MOWINS will automatically plot on the appropriate growth charts.](#)
 - a. [For infants and children less than \(<\) 36 months who are measured recumbently, the measurement will be plotted on the Birth to 36 month \(length-for-age\) growth charts.](#)
 - b. [For children greater than \(>\) 24 months who are measured standing, the measurement will be plotted on the \(stature-for-age\) CDC age/gender specific growth charts.](#)
3. For an infant/child born prematurely, MOWINS will automatically plot on premature charts with age adjusted for gestational age.

C. Assessing and Assigning Risk Factor

1. Risk Factor 121 (Short Stature) will be automatically assigned [by the system based on data entered on the Height/Weight/Blood tab when the](#)
 - a. [Infant's/child's \(Birth to less than \(<\) 24 months\) measurements plot less than or equal to \(<=\) 2.3rd percentile length-for-age on the CDC Birth to 24 months gender specific growth charts.](#)
 - b. [Children's \(2-5 years\) measurements plot less than or equal to \(<=\) 5th percentile stature for age on the 2000 CDC age/gender specific growth charts.](#)
 - c. [Refer to \[Risk Factor Detail Guide\]\(#\).](#)

2. Risk Factor 121 (At Risk of Short Stature) will be automatically assigned by the system based on data entered on the Height/Weight/Blood tab when the
 - a. Infant's/child's (Birth to less than (<) 24 months) measurements plot greater than (>) 2.3rd percentile and less than or equal to (<=) 5th percentile length-for-age on the CDC Birth to 24 months gender specific growth charts.
 - b. Children's (2-5 years) measurements plot greater than (>) 5th percentile and less than or equal to (<=) 10th percentile stature for age on the CDC age/gender specific growth charts.
 - c. Refer to [Risk Factor Detail Guide](#).
 3. Risk Factor 121 (At Risk of Short Stature or Short Stature) will not be automatically assigned for children greater than or equal to (>=) 24 months and less than (<) 36 months who are measured recumbently, the measurement will be plotted on the Birth to 36 month grid.
 4. MOWINS will flag an infant/child **record** as high risk
 - a. If an infant's/child's (Birth to **less than (<) 24 months**) measurements plot **less than or equal to (<=) 2.3rd** percentile length-for-age or
 - b. If **Children's** (2-5 years) measurements plot **less than or equal to (<=) 5th** percentile stature-for-age.
 - c. Complete a SOAP Note in MOWINS. Refer to [ER #2.02900](#).
- D. Providing Appropriate Counseling (See Counseling Guides for suggested counseling). Refer to the [Nutrition Training Manual](#) for more information.
1. Counseling and education shall be provided by the CPA.
 2. Document counseling contact in MOWINS.
- E. Providing Referrals.
1. Provide appropriate referral information and document into MOWINS.