

VIII. Certification and Eligibility and Coordination of Services

8.1.050 Proof of Pregnancy

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Policy: The local agency (LA) shall assure all WIC clients are eligible for the Missouri WIC program. The LA may require the WIC female client to provide proof of pregnancy. Proof of pregnancy, when requested, shall be from a health care provider (physician), public health department, or other reliable medical source when there is reasonable doubt the pregnancy exists. Proof of pregnancy shall not be an expense to the client.

PROCEDURES:

A. Obtaining Data

1. Complete the certification requirements as determined by the federal guidelines and the Missouri WIC program, refer to policy [8.1.070](#).
2. If the CPA has reasonable doubt that the pregnancy exists, provide the applicant/participant with one-month of benefits by placing them on Cycle 1.
3. Request the WIC participant to bring in proof of pregnancy at next 30-day visit.

B. Documenting

1. Record how proof of pregnancy was determined. Home self-tests are not appropriate proofs of pregnancy.

C. Assessing

1. If the requested documentation for proof of pregnancy is not provided within the 30-day time frame, the participant shall be determined ineligible for WIC benefits with no continuation of services and benefits.
2. Send a registered letter to the participant informing her of termination from the Missouri WIC program.

D. Reasonable Doubt

1. The LA may contact the SA for guidance if there is reasonable doubt that the pregnancy exists.
2. Guideline to consider for reasonable doubt:
 - a. Client has stated in the past that she was pregnant but there never was visible sign of pregnancy and no birth occurred.
 - b. Third party notifies LA that WIC participant is not pregnant.