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SUBJECT: Changes for Enteral Nutrition Prescription Requests (ENPR) Approval

The simplification of the Enteral Nutrition Prescription Requests (ENPRs) approval process has been a work in progress in the last decade, thanks to the talents and efforts of numerous WIC, IT and Medicaid staffs. The next step in the simplification and streamlining effort is to change the approval process from the State to the Local Agency (LA).

Starting today, March 2, 2007, WIC LAs will no longer need to wait for the state to approve ENPRs. WIC LA Registered Dietitians (RDs) or Nutritionists are authorized to handle ENPRs submitted by Health Care Providers. However, LAs need to continue to enter the ENPR information on the WIC website, in order to maintain the ENPR database of clinic's issuance of non contract formula use, issuance by diagnosis and diagnosis frequency to formula.

<http://www.hss.state.ak.us/ocs/nutri/WIC/LocalAgencies/LAENPRForms.htm>.

Clinics with no RD or Nutritionist on staff need to consult with their contract RD or the State WIC staff prior to non contract approvals.

State WIC staffs will continue to handle First Health's signed authorizations to notify LAs when they are received, to maintain the ENPR database and to be available for consultations, questions, or concerns.

The ENPR Form (Rev. 1/2007) and the WIC Policy and Procedures Manual, Chapter 3- Supplemental Foods, pages 3-25 to 3-30 have been updated to reflect this policy change.

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