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**WIC Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 8 Nutrition Risk Criteria – Errata
Extension of Implementation Date**

To:

All Western Region State Agency WIC Directors

This is to inform you that the implementation date for WIC Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 8: Nutrition Risk Criteria (issued March 24, 2005), has been extended to **October 1, 2007**. The previous implementation date was October 1, 2006.

The extension of the implementation date will facilitate the coordination of the implementation of revised dietary risk criteria (contained in this policy memorandum) with the submission of the State Agency Value Enhanced Nutrition Assessment (VENA) Implementation Plan. Therefore, Fiscal Year 2008 State Plans (due to FNS by August 15, 2007) must include: 1) the policy revisions necessary to implement Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 8, by October 1, 2007, and 2) VENA Implementation Plans. A State agency must include dietary risk assessment policy and procedure changes as part of their larger VENA Implementation Plan; thus it is appropriate to coordinate the Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 8, implementation date with the VENA Implementation Plan submission date.

A State agency may request FNS approval to implement Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 8, sooner than October 1, 2007, with sufficient supporting information that demonstrates that it is consistent with and coordinates well with its VENA Implementation Plan.

If you have questions concerning this issue, please contact Lissa Ong of our staff at (415) 705-1313.

Sincerely,

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