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Hi Everyone,

Spring seems to have sprung in Juneau. We're enjoying sunny skies and temps in the 40s. Hope you are seeing some warmer weather as well.

Kathleen

1. LA Memo 12-03 Notice of Mandatory Grantee Compliance—Based on the feedback that we have received from LAs regarding the implementation timelines for compliance with nutrition service requirements and video-certifications, the WIC Program Office is issuing LA Memo 12-3 Notification of Mandatory Program Compliance. A copy has been mailed to each WIC Grantee Executive Director. See attachments PCE Power Point and LA Memo 12-03.
2. LA Memo 12-04 Offering to Sell WIC Foods, Benefits, and/or EBT Cards Publicly or Online—please see attached policy memo from USDA.
3. Please report missing electric breast pumps to Amy George. When sending missing pump documentation to the admin office, please include copies of: client breast pump loan agreement, client rights and responsibilities, attempted recovery letters, and any other recorded contact with client regarding missing pump. If you have questions, please call 465-3100.
4. AK WICHealth.org—Current statistics on AK WIC clients who use WICHealth.org
5. Summer Food Service Program Training (SFSP)—attached is information about becoming a SFSP sponsor. The SFSP provides food to school age children during the summer months. Several public assistance offices are now SFSP programs. If you have questions, please contact **Hannah Barril, SFSP Specialist, [hannah.barril@alaska.gov](mailto:hannah.barril@alaska.gov) or;**  
  
**Sabrina Bracher, SFSP Assistant, [sabrina.bracher@alaska.gov](mailto:sabrina.bracher@alaska.gov) or; Fax: (907) 465-8910**
6. SPIRIT Request-- This is a proposed list of localities that will be represented in SPIRIT. Please look over the places in your area and make notations to the side whether to keep them, delete them or to add additional places that people use for addresses. The places in red have been added and have zip codes. The places that are highlighted in purple do not have zip codes and may or may not be significant. Please return your input by Wednesday, February 15, so we can return this list to the SPIRIT contractor. Please send your list to Elaine Nisonger, [elaine.nisonger@alaska.gov](mailto:elaine.nisonger@alaska.gov) .

7. SPIRIT Transfer Project Update: Thank you, once again, for your participation in the SPIRIT Module demonstrations last week by ASI. The WebEx presentations are posted on the WIC Web Site: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/dpa/programs/nutri/wic/LocalAgencies/default.htm> under Alaska WIC SPIRIT Information System. As you watch these recordings, please send any questions to me, [terry.hoskinson@alaska.gov](mailto:terry.hoskinson@alaska.gov) and I will pass them along to ASI for answers.

We're close to solving some problems that have been holding up progress and the project schedule is starting to fall into place. The following milestone dates will give you a sense of how SPIRIT implementation will flow:

- The State Office staff training begins in mid March.

- User Acceptance Testing will be held during April and May.

- Train the Trainer/Super User training (including some clinic staff) will be in early June.

- Pilot Training – for the first few clinics that will transition to SPIRIT - is scheduled for mid June with Pilot operations running through the end of August.

- Phased Statewide Rollout and clinic staff training occurs from September through early November.

- There may be some changes as the project continues, but this gives you a high level outline of the upcoming activities. We'll provide a more detailed schedule shortly.