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Attachments: Geneva Woods Prior Authorization Release.pdf
ENPR_effective October 1, 2015.pdf

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Here is a success story from the Municipality of Anchorage WIC programs:

A success that became apparent quite recently is one that all WIC clinics can share in. Each of our clinics created a display on the protective link between breastfeeding and breast cancer. The final displays included lots of pink ribbons, tasteful breastfeeding pictures and diagrams of breast self-exams along with simple messages and brochures. As we were discussing the idea, it was noted that "cancer" and "breasts" used to be words that were not even used in "polite" conversations. Now, thanks to the efforts of many women and organizations across the country, we cannot only talk about the subjects but our clients embrace the issues and we have received positive feedback about the displays.

As we are reviewing the MOV packages, we are wondering if there are any packages that you would like to see that aren't available. You will need to stay within our current food package and formulary with your suggestions. Please contact Elaine Nisonger with your suggestions by COB Monday, November 9th.

Geneva Woods: I'm in contact with Geneva Woods- the other DME in Alaska who will still accept WIC ENPRs. They would like a phone number to reach the participant, so I've added that to the version of the ENPR attached. Please use this new ENPR- or alternatively write the participants phone number on the old ENPR- before submitting new ENPRs to Geneva Woods. Their Fax number is 907- 565-6112 statewide. Also attached is the **Geneva Woods Prior Authorization Release**, which needs to be completed by the WIC office and signed by the participant, and faxed to Geneva Woods. This form is the one to use for participants who have an ENPR currently being filled by Procare- to release it to Geneva Woods. The phone number for Geneva Woods is 565-6100. Please call or email me with questions or further information. I appreciate Karen Cutler's emails on this topic. I hope to have more information later today- and I hope we can get most or all of the ENPRs now being filled by Procare transferred over to Geneva Woods before December 31.

Non-contract formula levels- We're still considering non-contract formula levels. We're looking at the cost of these non-contract formulas to WIC. We're waiting for some feedback from the USDA. Please all me with comments, suggestions and opinions. I appreciate all the feedback we've already received. Jennifer Johnson at 465-8104

CPA Continuing Education: The AK WIC Program is very glad to be able to offer continuing CPA education. I'm working with Danielle Rybicki on this project- and we have three volunteers to work with us. We're looking at a mix of on-line education and quarterly teleconferences. I'm asking for feedback today on the time for the quarterly CPA teleconference- what day of the week and time of day would work at your clinic? Please let me know along with any other questions or suggestions- Jennifer Johnson 465-8104

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SPIRIT Changes:

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As of 11/6/2015 the PFD amount has been removed from the Proof of Income drop down list . You will need to calculate the PFD amount using the PFD chart provided earlier this year.

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SPIRIT Tips and Reminders:

Remember to do a **STATEWIDE** search by **DOB** for any applicant first. You may also need to do additional statewide search on other criteria.

If your searches do not find the person, and you have reason to believe that the applicant might have been on WIC in Alaska before

and the applicant isn't sure, please call the WIC SPIRIT Help Desk and ask them to research the applicant.

SPIRIT Help Desk Info:

Send all questions, issues and errors to the WIC SPIRIT Helpdesk at wicpsirithelpdesk@alaska.gov or phone them at 907-334-4900.