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Hi,
There is lot's of activity going on in WIC these days. I guess that 's nothing new! So enjoy your weekend and rest of for another upcoming week of fun WIC activity-
Best,
Dana

Necessary to know to keep life calm on the WIC front:

Soy Formula Transition: Starting October 1, Gerber Good Start Soy will be the AK WIC soy formula. The transition has begun. Spirit is able to print Gerber Good Start on checks with first date to use of October 1 or later. Thanks to Shanna Moeder for making sure we knew the pictures we sent out on the handout for staff are actually of the Good Start label as it will appear beginning in November. The staff handout is intended primarily to show staff the different sizes that the concentrate and RTF come in- it's not for participants. A formula insert is coming out that can be used with participants receiving formula which features both labels. Also, Enfamil Prosobee is going away after September 30- you will **not** be able to prescribe it with an ENPR. Stores are aware of the formula change and will have Gerber Good Start Soy on the shelves by October 1. Please contact me with questions, suggestions or anything else that should be brought to our attention. Jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov

SPIRIT Information:

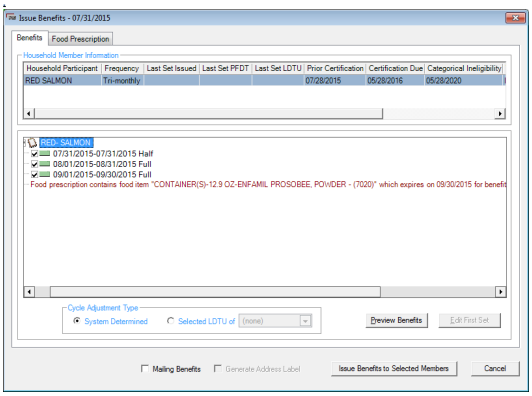
We have several important things to pass on this week

1. CVVs for women are increasing starting October 1st. Therefore, starting Monday (August 10), you will need to issue the $11.00 CVV for women and the $16.50 for Fully Breastfeeding Multiples and Pregnant BF Women on their October benefits. **Attached are the instructions on how to add the New CVV to the food prescription for October benefits.**

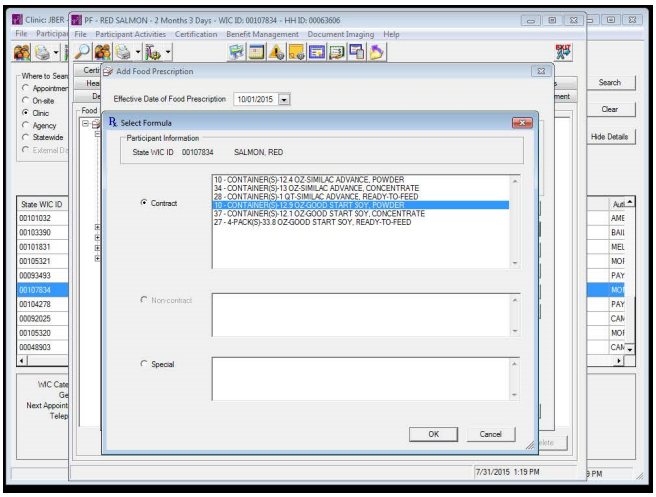
2. As noted earlier in the week, SPIRIT has an issue in our 22.02 release. Two year old prescriptions are not always auto populating correctly. There have been incidences of packages printing for whole milk at two years and older. **SCRUTINIZE** all prescriptions that are generated for the 2 year old food prescription. You may delete inaccurate food prescriptions and replace them with the correct one. We have provided a list of clients whom have FI printed with errors on them. This is not an Alaska issue but a larger SPIRIT issue and the SPIRIT consortium is working to have this fixed as soon as possible.

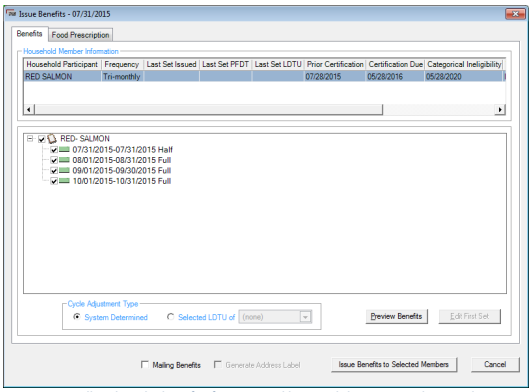
3. Quick reminder, the Soy Formula contract is changing on October 1st to Gerber Good Start Soy. Due to the contract change SPIRIT **will not issue** benefits for October 1st or later with Enfamil Prosobee prescribed. You will have to manually add Good Start Soy for the October Food Prescription

Here are the steps required for adding Good Start to the October benefits:



To correct this, you will simply need to add a Food Prescription for 10/1/2015 with Good Start Soy





SPIRIT will update the benefits for 1 Oct and later and they can now be issued

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.

farmers market

FMNP Bags – We have a small supply left of the 2015 FMNP reusable shopping bags. If you need or want more, please email Erin Khmelev at erin.khmelev@alaska.gov. Reminder, the totes are intended to be distributed to participants this farmers' market season; if you have any left in your office, please distribute them.

FMNP Coupons – We have additional coupons available, please email sandra.harbanuk@alaska.gov if you would like more sent to your clinics. Reminder, eligible WIC participants are only allowed one sheet of coupons per season which runs June 1st through October 31st. Coupons cannot be distributed after September 30th.

Nice to know for general WIC purposes:

New Local WIC Agency Directory is attached for your information.

Success story:

Our receptionist is exceptionally bilingual with Spanish and English and has been able to help with several appointments in order for us to communicate more effectively with clients who speak Spanish and understand very little English. They communicate and share more with the educators through our receptionist.
She has also been able to communicate more with many of our daycare providers who are Spanish speaking as well, but are clients of children or foster children. We are able to share education to them for their family/child but also for the daycare as a whole for better nutrition.

Medicaid Expansion
While this is not targeted to the general WIC population it may affect other household members so it is good to post in a general waiting room area.

Fun to know just for general purposes:

Happy World Breastfeeding Week to you all!!
I hope you had fun events in your locations. Here are a few pictures and activities that LA have sent in. Be sure to take pictures at your events and to send them along for everyone to enjoy! Thanks to all of you that sent information already.

Blueberry Festival in Ketchikan
Ketchikan had a booth at the Blueberry Festival and was able to display a WIC table there. Check out the picture! Looks like fun!

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Big Latch on Event in Fairbanks
Media coverage of Fairbanks Big Latch On

http://www.newsminer.com/big-latch-on/image_1f16cf66-38a7-11e5-97bd-97ff7e9838b2.html

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AFS celebrating WBW

WBW celebration in the Wasilla Wonderland Park with face painting, cookies, punch bubbles, an old-timey photo booth and a band! Check out their pictures attached here!

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