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Hi Everyone,

Here is the WIC update for this week

From Jennifer:

New ENPR: The new ENPR went out in the last Friday update, and was sent to pediatricians last week. The new formulas, referred to as the formulas requiring medical documentation, require an MD (or person with prescriptive authority) to prescribe them, and need to have an RD assess and sign off on them in the clinic. They are prescribed like Food Package 3 formulas. Please contact Jennifer Johnson with other questions or comments at 465-8104

RD Working Group Meeting: Our Next RD working group meeting is coming up on March 17 at 8:30. Our speaker will be Laura Thomas, of Samuel Simmonds Memorial Hospital Diabetes Prevention Program, speaking about "Knowing, Growing and Eating Plants at the Top of the World". There is a long history of plant use on the North Slope, both for food and for medicine. In recent times, some of this wisdom from plants has been forgotten as people turn to commercial food sources and a more westernized diet. The Senior Center in Barrow is developing a Tundra Garden to provide a place for people – especially elders – to interact with tundra plants to rediscover the importance of plants in our daily lives. We do this by removing barriers to accessing tundra plants, and helping people reconnect with plant knowledge from both a wellness and cultural perspective. Contact information will be sent out closer to the webinar. Please contact Jennifer Johnson with questions or suggestions at Jennifer.johnson@alaska.gov

Kathleen

1. [Letter to WIC Directors - Zika Virus Information.](#)

Please see the attached letter from FNS for information and resources on the Zika virus outbreak.

Thank you for your continued efforts to ensure the well-being of WIC participants.

If you have any questions, please contact the State WIC Office at 465-3100.

2. WIC EBT Final Rule---- The “Implementation of Electronic Benefit Transfer-Related Provisions” or WIC EBT Final Rule, published March 1 with an effective date of May 2, 2016, can be found by following Federal Register and FNS website links:

[WIC EBT FINAL RULE – 2016](#)

<http://www.fns.usda.gov/wic/special-supplemental-nutrition-program-women-infants-and-children-wic-implementation-electronic>

3. **Filling out fields in SPIRIT for breastfeeding children**

For totally breastfed babies who continue to breastfeed after 1 year, Spirit requires users to fill in a date that supplementation began.

What you Should Do: Complete the date supplementation began field if the infant/child never received formula by using the date of the first birthday. While it is not accurate it will be consistent across the state if a child continues to breastfeed past the first birthday. Use the solids field to enter the date when anything other than formula or breastmilk was given: water, juice, butterscotch pudding, etc. If you have questions contact the Help Desk at wicsprithelpdesk@alaska.gov or 334-4900.

Immunization If you don't see the record (either physical record or VacTrAK) for a child under age 2 how do you document this in SPIRIT?

What you Should Do: Select **Unknown**. Never take a guardians word that the immunizations are up to date. Provide the immunization schedule to the guardian and make a referral to the client for having the health care provider assess the child's immunization needs. Make sure to use the Referral tab in SPIRIT to document the referral.

4. **SPIRIT Issue**

MCA GS & CGS Active at the Same Time

The MCA GS & CGS icons are both active at the **same time** for participants who have a **Mid-certification Due date but NO MCA Completed Date**.

An issue occurs if the MCA GS is started when you meant to start the CGS. When you realize you mistakenly started the MCA GS and close the MCA, the CGS icon is enabled. If you click the CGS icon instead of **first removing the incomplete MCA**, the system will allow the participant to have concurrent MCA GS & CGS sessions.

If information, such as Ht/Wt/Blood, was entered into the MCA GS or CGS and you have an MCA in process, any information entered will be treated as if it were entered into the Participant Folder and you will not be able to complete the CGS.

What you Should Do: Make sure you are clicking on the correct icon to start the appropriate Guided Script.

If you realize you have mistakenly started the MCA GS instead of the CGS (oops), please make sure to click the “door” icon instead of the “stop sign” icon. If you click the “stop sign” the system will end the MCA GS (as long as a blood value has been entered) and disables the **Remove the Mid-certification Assessment**, which you will need to do to “fix” this issue. If you have **started the CGS, without first removing the MCA**, or if you **haven’t started the CGS yet**, see the attachment with details on what you should do next.

5. **Inventory**

As an update, the inventory is still due at the end of March. However we have not received guidance yet on filling out depreciation. As soon as we receive guidance you will be notified. We will extend the date again if needed. If you have questions contact Dana Kent at 465-5322 or dana.kent@alaska.gov.

Nice to know:

Postpartum depression series: <http://www.ktuu.com/special/portpartum-more-than-the-baby-blues/38128968?request-from-editor=true&showAds=0> which includes a list of resources in regions of the state where they exist