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Happy April 1st!

Thanks to you and your staff for accommodating state staff as they complete on-site management evaluation and vendor audits around the state. We appreciate the warm hospitality from each clinic and we love observing the skilled and caring LA staff with their clients.

Have a great weekend,
Kathleen

Success Story from RCPC

One 31 week pg appointment came into the office received one OB appointment in the first trimester, limited food, transportation issues, no external guidance, and just turned 18. During the appointment with RD we were able to set-up an OB appointment, transportation, stable food supplies through WIC checks and local food bank, and proper nutrition education. Guidance on DKC for insurance purposes.

1. Breastfeeding Support Service Newsletter

Attached to the Friday Update you will find the Breastfeeding Support Service Newsletter. This newsletter is done quarterly for the Alaska WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselors but can provide education to all of your staff. Please feel free to share this newsletter with your WIC staff. **In the future the newsletter will be posted on the Skills Development Course for WIC CPA Continuing Education instead of sending it out through the Friday Update.** The newsletter is always sent out directly to Breastfeeding Peer Counselors and posted on peer counselor Facebook page. If you have any questions, please contact Danielle Rybicki at drybicki@uaa.alaska.edu.

2. Proposed Increase to SFY 2017

We anticipate providing additional federal funds to WIC grantees for SFY 2017. Grants should update the budgets and our goal is to minimize the additional amount of paper work for you. Stay tuned for more details in the next few weeks.

3. ACTION ITEM- Upcoming Baby Behavior Webinars

As a statewide follow up to the on-line Baby Behavior modules, that you recently completed, there will be two upcoming Webinars hosted by Dr. Jane Heining. The purpose of the webinars is to help link Baby Behavior to day-to-day tasks in the clinic and to emphasize how Baby Behavior is not just for breastfeeding families but can be used to support informed decisions among formula-feeding families such as how to discuss soda use and early solid food introduction, especially among families with existing obesity.

Please make room on your schedules for staff to attend one or both sessions scheduled for:

- Monday, April 11 at 9:15 (the focus of this Webinar will be for clinics with face-to-face client interactions)
- And / Or**
- Wednesday, April 13 at 9:15 (the focus of this Webinar will be for clinics with off-site clients and more telephone interactions)



4. SPIRIT Information:

As a reminder please continue to include **Agency and Clinic name** when reporting an issue to the SPIRIT Help Desk. We appreciate it!

5. 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.

6. Formula Benefit Paid by Medicaid

There is new updated language on the "Formula Benefit Paid by Medicaid" FI to help prevent cashing this "fake check" at the store. See attachment of how the benefit will look. Please remind all staff to review FI prior to handing them a client or mailing them to avoid this FI type getting to the client and then being cashed at the store. Suggestions or comments? Contact Dana Kent at 465-5322 or dana.kent@alaska.gov.

NICE TO KNOW

What's the difference between WIC and SNAP –see attached.

Need a Smile...?

See the attachment "Application" from TCC-

Check out the mom's answer on "I breastfeed _____ times in 24 hours."