

WIC Waiver Status: 4/7/2020

Waiver Requested	Status	Start Date	End Date*	Description	Resources
Federal Waivers					
Defer Anthropometric and Bloodwork	Approved	March 20, 2020	May 31, 2020	Measurements and bloodwork normally required are waived.	Remote Certification policies
Remote Benefit Issuance	Approved	March 24, 2020	May 31, 2020	Staff can issue benefits remotely and sign for participants.	Remote Certification policies
Food Package Substitution	Partially Approved	March 30, 2020	May 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved fat content substitutions for milk. Note: WA won't be implementing this since waiver is only 2 months. Denied Tofu/Soy substitutions. Denied 50% whole grain cereal substitutions. 	<p>We are working to get a list posted to our website.</p> <p>Staff and clients can also use the WIC Shopping App to get the latest information on approved foods.</p>
Medical Documentation Form Request	Denied	March 26, 2020	May 31, 2020	<p>USDA denied the waiver.</p> <p>Policy will be developed to allow the WIC RDN to do complete the form with the recommended food package.</p> <p>The form is sent to the PCP and they can approve through a variety of methods: fax, letter, verbal, email, text.</p> <p>The CPA could also call the provider to get the form filled out over the phone.</p> <p>We recommend, but do not require, staff (any WIC staff) to attempt one follow-up to the PCP. If staff don't hear back from the</p>	

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				PCP by the end of the grace period, call the state office for further guidance.	
Separation of Duties	Approved	March 30, 2020	May 31, 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> One staff person can enter all certification information (income and nutrition risk information) There isn't a chart review requirement. Doesn't provide a waiver to the requirement to not certify oneself or close friends and relatives. 	Remote Certification policies
Defer Proof of Identity	Submitted				
Defer Proof of Residency	Submitted				
Defer Proof of Income	Submitted				
Defer Rights and Responsibilities Signature	Submitted				
State Law Waivers Explored					
Waiver for participant signed Release of Information (ROI)	Denied	N/A	N/A	<p>Per the Assistant Attorney General (AAG), we must have a <u>signed</u> ROI for sharing WIC participant information with a third party. However staff can accept the ROI via a photo of signed release, as well as mail, fax, or drop off.</p> <p>Remember:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Parents have the right to their child's WIC record; you can provide them 	

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				the record, or the data they need, and they can give it to the PCP. 2. If you have an approved data sharing agreement, you don't need a ROI.	
Other State Waivers					
FFY 2021 Nutrition Service Plan due date changed to 5/31/20	Approved	3/30/20	5/31/20	Local agencies have until May 31, 2020 to complete and submit plan. Agencies don't need to contact us if they plan to take the extension.	COVID-19 Update Webinar notes 3-30-20
FFY 2021 Nutrition Service Plan, Requirement to complete BF training	Approved	4/6/20	TBD	Local agencies don't have to complete this training by 5/31/20. We will revisit breastfeeding training after the COVID-19 pandemic.	COVID-19 Update Webinar notes 4-6-20
April time study may be postponed	Approved	4/8/20	TBD	Agencies may postpone the April time study to May or June 2020. In the meantime we will pursue a federal waiver to the time study requirement as part of our pandemic response.	

* We plan to submit for an extension to the waivers as soon as FNS shares the extension process.