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**235.30****Medicaid Reimbursement for Nutrition Products****Overview**

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**Background** The Medicaid and WIC Programs in Iowa work together to determine the appropriate payment source for nutrition products prescribed for the population groups potentially eligible for WIC services. This policy explains how to provide the necessary documentation to facilitate payment for these products.

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**Medicaid policy** The Medicaid Program may pay for nutrition products prescribed for Medicaid clients only if:

- The client applied for WIC but is not eligible, **or**
- The client is eligible for WIC, but requires more formula than WIC can provide.

Documentation from WIC is required in both cases.

Note: Any applicant who is categorically eligible for WIC, has a medical nutrition need, and is on Medicaid would be WIC-eligible in Iowa as all priority classes are being served.

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**Required documentation** The table below lists the required conditions and documentation from WIC for Medicaid payment.

<b>IF the Medicaid client is ...</b>	<b>THEN the required documentation is ...</b>
not eligible for WIC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice of Ineligibility form (for most clients) <b>or</b></li> <li>• Notice of Termination (for WIC participants who became categorically ineligible, became income ineligible mid-certification, violated program rules, or were placed on a waiting list).</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• eligible for WIC <u>and</u></li> <li>• needs more formula than WIC can provide</li> </ul>	Documentation of Nutrition Products from WIC form.

Note: For all products, the physician must provide documentation of medical necessity of the product before the pharmacy can submit for payment.

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## Providing Documentation

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### Ineligibility for WIC

When the applicant is not eligible for WIC, follow these steps to provide the documentation required by Medicaid.

Step	Action
1	Complete the WIC eligibility process and record data in the WIC data system.
2	Print the Notice of Ineligibility located under Printouts.
3	Document issuance of the Notice of Ineligibility in the comments screen or scan the printed notice into the participant record.
4	Provide the Notice of Ineligibility to the applicant for use as documentation when requested by the pharmacy providing the formula.

Note: If the applicant is someone who is categorically ineligible (a child older than 5 years old), send a letter signed by the WIC Coordinator that cites the program regulations and target audience.

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### Special formula documentation

When the applicant is eligible for WIC but requires more formula than WIC can provide, follow these steps to provide the documentation required by Medicaid.

Step	Action
1	Complete a Documentation of Nutrition Products from WIC form
2	Scan the Documentation of Nutrition Products from WIC form into the participant record. This form allows the WIC agency to share only the information on the form with a pharmacist or physician if contacted.
3	Instruct the participant to check with the health care provider who wrote the prescription to see if the formula is likely to be covered by Medicaid.
4	Give the completed form to the participant with the instruction that it provides important documentation that the pharmacist must submit along with certification of medical necessity to be paid by Medicaid for formula above that provided by WIC checks.
5	If questions arise from physicians or pharmacists regarding the process for certification of medical necessity of formulas, advise them to call ACS (the Medicaid fiscal agent) at 888-424-2070 for sample forms or further instruction.

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### Sample form

See Policy 235.30A for a sample Documentation of Nutrition Products From WIC form.

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