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Breast Pump Purchasing Guidelines

Overview

Introduction	This section explains the use of WIC food funds for the purchase or rental of breast pumps.
Policy	It is the policy of the Iowa WIC Program that all breast pumps and collection kits are to be purchased using WIC food funds as allowed .
Background	The William Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (PL 105-336) authorizes state WIC agencies the use of food funds for the purchase or rental of breast pumps starting in Fiscal Year 1999.
Allowable breastfeeding related purchases with WIC food funds	<p>Allowable breastfeeding related purchases with WIC food funds include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New or reconditioned breast pumps (either purchased or rented for participant use),• Breast pump collection kits,• Breast pump cases, and• Shipping and taxes charged to acquire the breast pumps and breast pump collection kits. <p><u>Note:</u> All other costs to promote and support breastfeeding must still be charged to the WIC NSA breastfeeding grant. See Policy 315.40, page 7 for a list of breastfeeding expenditures that must be charged to WIC NSA funds.</p>
Staff may purchase	WIC agency staff may purchase a breast pump or collection kit from the agency at the current purchase price.
Quarterly Breast pump Report	In your agency's Quarterly Breast Pump Report include only the number and type of breast pumps and collection kits purchased for WIC participants for that quarter. Copies of invoices or bills for all breast pumps, rental fees, and/or collection kits should be maintained in your agency's file.

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**Policy
reference**

Breast Pumps as a Food Cost, USDA Policy Memo, MPSF: WC-99-36-P.