

**360.10****Providing Access to Comprehensive Health Services****Introduction**

As an adjunct to the health care system, the WIC Program provides program participants with an opportunity to obtain comprehensive health services through integrated clinics or referrals to other agencies, programs, or providers. These health services include ongoing routine pediatric care such as child health exams, and routine obstetrical care such as prenatal and postpartum care.

**Types of arrangements**

Each WIC agency must make arrangements to provide health services to participants. All agencies should refer participants to *hawk-i* or Medicaid as outlined in Policy 245.10.

<b>IF the WIC agency is ...</b>	<b>THEN...</b>
a health agency	refer participants to appropriate programs or services within the local agency or the community and document in the data system.
not a health agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• coordinate WIC services with local Child Health and Maternal Health services,</li> <li>• complete written referral agreements with other agencies, organizations, or private providers as needed, and</li> <li>• document in the data system.</li> </ul> <p><u>Note:</u> A combination of arrangements may be necessary, based on the availability of Child Health and Maternal Health services in each county.</p>

**Coordinated services are expected**

WIC agencies are **expected** to coordinate services with **Maternal Health** and Child **& Adolescent** Health services, immunizations, lead screening, I-Smile, and other health services for women, infants and children regardless of funding source. The decision to integrate clinic services should be based on community needs assessment and availability of providers.

Coordinated clinics are held in many counties in the state. In some counties, one agency holds the contracts for multiple programs. In other counties, different agencies administer the programs. In the latter situation, memorandums of understanding are required to ensure coordination of services.

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