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Migrant Participants

Overview

Introduction For purposes of special migrant farm worker procedures and reporting, a migrant or seasonal farm worker is an individual:

- Whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis,
- Who has been so employed within the last 24 months, and
- Who has established, for the purposes of such employment, a temporary residence.

WIC services Migrant and seasonal farm workers move into all areas of the state. Each WIC agency is required to provide priority consideration to serving migrant participants who are residing in the service delivery area. Each WIC agency must determine the needs of this population and plan accordingly. Special efforts may be necessary to make services accessible, such as providing:

- Extended clinic hours in late afternoon or evening,
- WIC services at Migrant Child Health clinics,
- Special WIC clinics at camp sites or employment sites, and
- WIC services at Migrant Head Start programs.

VOC cards Local WIC agencies must provide benefits to a migrant or seasonal farm worker who presents a valid Verification of Certification (VOC). An in-stream migrant farm worker participant who requires recertification because of an expired VOC is deemed to automatically meet the income guidelines if the participant's income has been determined within the last 12 months.

See Policy 220.20 for more information on VOCs.

Participant rights A Spanish-language version of the Participant Rights and Responsibilities is available. See Policy 215.95 for a copy.

Proteus Employment Services

Services available

Proteus Employment Services serves as a liaison between WIC agencies and the migrant population. Proteus employees can assist with interpretation, outreach and referral to the WIC Program.

Regional offices Proteus serves migrant workers from the following offices.

Address	Phone Number
Proteus, Inc. 3850 Merle Hay Road, Suite 500 Des Moines, IA 50310	(515) 271-5303 1-800-372-6031
Proteus, Inc. 107 North 7 th Street Fort Dodge, IA 50501	1-800-798-8225
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