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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 16, 2021

TO: Breastfeeding Coalitions, Community Partners, and Advocates

FROM: State of Nevada WIC Program

RE: Policy Update Regarding the Issuance of Breast Pumps and Breastfeeding Accessories to WIC Participants

The Nevada Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), is sharing a policy update with our community partners regarding the issuance of breast pumps and breastfeeding accessories. The WIC Program provides breast pumps and breastfeeding accessories at no cost to qualifying participants who are having trouble breastfeeding or are separated from their infant. Per the guidance of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), who oversees the WIC Program, breast pumps and breastfeeding accessories cannot be issued to pregnant women. As a result, Nevada WIC cannot issue breast pumps and breastfeeding accessories to WIC participants until they are categorically listed as "Breastfeeding" in our electronic record-keeping system. WIC participants who require a breast pump or breastfeeding accessories should call their WIC clinic as soon as possible following the delivery of their infant(s) to schedule an appointment to be certified as "Breastfeeding." Per policy, participants must be scheduled within 20 days of reaching out for an appointment. However, when scheduling appointments, every effort will be made to accommodate breastfeeding participants to protect their milk supply and ensure infants are receiving the best nutrition.

Nevada WIC will continue to work with our state and community partners to address the potential gap in services this policy update may cause. Thank you for your continued support of breastfeeding women. If you have questions or concerns regarding this policy update or the WIC program, please reach out to Nevada WIC at:

Email: WICgeneral@health.nv.gov

Phone: (775) 684-5942 or (800) 863-8942

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Thank you.