

## New Hampshire WIC Policy & Procedure Manual

### Chapter 8. CERTIFICATION, ELIGIBILITY & COORDINATION OF SERVICES C. Health Care Agreements, Referrals and Coordination

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#### Coordination with Community Health Centers

<b>Purpose</b>	To have a direct referral system in place for local community health centers (CHC) and WIC in order to provide quality nutrition and health services and continuity of care for participants.
<b>Policy</b>	Local Agencies shall establish a memorandum of understanding with their local community health center for giving and receiving referrals in order to provide on-going health services.
<b>Authority</b>	CFR 246.6(b)(5) CFR 246.7(b)
<b>Procedure</b>	<p>The local agency Director and Nutrition Coordinator shall establish a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with their local community health center in their county.</p> <p>The MOU shall include activities such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A direct referral system; participants shall be referred to the community health center for on-going health services, and health center patients shall be refer to WIC for nutrition and breastfeeding services.</li><li>• WIC Program updates, such as formula contracts and food package changes.</li><li>• In-services and WIC brochures shall be provided to the community health center, as available.</li></ul>
<b>Exception</b>	No exception
<b>Best Practice</b>	<p>The WIC nutrition coordinator and community health center nutritionist collaborate to share program information and printed education materials, to provide the same nutrition and health messages to dually enrolled participants.</p> <p>The community health nutritionist shares the participants' nutrition assessment, anthropometrics and blood work obtained at the community health center with the WIC clinic.</p>