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TO: WIC Coordinators
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SUBJECT: **WIC Policy Update 2024-10**

MAJOR REVISIONS: *Policies with content changes that impact local agency functions. Please review all policies with major revisions.*

Policy 675 – Risk Criteria Codes and Descriptions

- Updated Risk 211 Lead poisoning: criteria was lowered for children (13 months – 5 yrs)
- Updated descriptions of Risks 358 Eating Disorders, 360 Other medical conditions, and 901 Recipient of abuse.
- Updated name and description of Risk 361 Mental Illnesses.
 - Note: this risk now applies to all children (13 months – 5 yrs), formerly only applied to pregnant and postpartum categories)
- Risk description wording throughout policy is adjusted as Oregon WIC transitions to more inclusive language.
- **Action needed:** Training provided in the 2024 Risk In-service released 7/31/24. CPAs must complete the in-service by 9/30/2024.

Policy 710 – Breastfeeding: Definition, Promotion and Support Standards

- Added inclusive language throughout and updated wording to be consistent among policies, match definitions with USDA
- Added WIC Designated Breastfeeding Expert (DBE) Role and referral resource.
- Clarified definitions and categories to address more situations, e.g. a *breastfeeding participant* who isn't the birth parent but has legal responsibility for an infant, human milk donors, *surrogate participant*, *wet nurse*, and others
- Added local agencies with WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Programs are required to have a WIC DBE on staff.
- Updated training references
- Added *special consideration* from CDC recommendations.
- Updated *qualifications* and desirable skills for the breastfeeding coordinator.
- Included overseeing the breast pump coordinator role as the role of the breastfeeding coordinator.
- **Action needed:** Review policy and appendices with CPAs and staff providing breastfeeding support.

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oregon.gov/OHA/PH/HEALTHYPEOPLEFAMILIES/WIC/Pages/wicpolicy.aspx

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