

New Jersey WIC Services- Participant Rights and Obligations

PARTICIPANT RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

- Standards for eligibility and participation in the WIC Program are the same for everyone, regardless of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.
- You may appeal any decision made by the local agency regarding your eligibility for the Program within 60 days of the decision.
- The local agency will make health services, nutrition education and breastfeeding support available to you, and you are encouraged to participate in these services.
- WIC shares certification and immunization screening information with health and social service programs that serve WIC participants to determine if they qualify for these programs and for outreach and educational purposes. Information may be shared with New Jersey Immunization Information System (NJIS), Medicaid, SNAP, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Head Start, Federally Qualified Health Centers, and your health care provider.
- WIC may share certification information for research to show how WIC helps to improve services and participants' lives.

I have been advised of my rights and obligations under the Program:

- I certify that the information I have provided for my eligibility determination is correct, to the best of my knowledge. This certification form is being submitted in connection with the receipt of Federal assistance. Program officials may verify information on this form. I understand that intentionally making a false or misleading statement or intentionally misrepresenting, concealing or withholding facts may result in paying the State Agency, in cash, the value of the food benefits improperly issued to me and may subject me to Civil or Criminal prosecution under State and Federal law.
- I understand that it is illegal to be enrolled in more than one WIC clinic at the same time, either in New Jersey or in another state.
- Failure to comply with WIC obligations and regulations may result in penalties or WIC disqualification for up to one year.
- Buying, selling, or otherwise misusing benefits (food benefits, formula, breast pumps, eWIC card) is a crime.

In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.

Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.

To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at: <https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17Fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:

1. mail:
U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
2. fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or
3. email:
program.intake@usda.gov

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.