

Migrant Participants

Policy

USDA Federal Regulations:

Migrant Farmworker means an individual whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been so employed within the last 24 months, and who establishes, for the purposes of such employment, a temporary abode.

USDA Federal Regulations:

(6) Plans to provide program benefits to eligible migrant farmworkers and their families, to Indians, and to homeless individuals.

USDA Federal Regulations:

(20) The State agency's plans to reach and enroll migrants and eligible women in the early months of pregnancy.

USDA Federal Regulations:

(2) State agencies shall provide WIC service at community and migrant health centers, Indian Health Service facilities, and other federally health care supported facilities established in medically underserved areas to the extent feasible.

USDA Federal Regulations:

(ix) *Are instream migrant farmworkers and their family members required to document income eligibility?* Certain instream migrant farmworkers and their family members with expired Verification of Certification cards shall be declared to satisfy the State agency's income standard and income documentation requirements. Such cases include when income of that instream migrant farmworker is determined at least once every 12 months. Such families shall satisfy the income criteria in any State for any subsequent certification while the migrant is instream during the 12-month period following the determination. The determination can occur either in the migrant's home based area before the migrant has entered the stream for a particular agricultural season, or in an instream area during the agricultural season.

Iowa Administrative Code:

641 – 73.15(135) Migrant services. To meet the WIC needs of migrant workers within the state, a contract or work agreement shall be maintained with at least one contract migrant service agency within the state to provide or assist in the provision of service to this population.

Authority

USDA Federal Regulations: 7 CFR Part 246.2 Definitions

USDA Federal Regulations: 7 CFR Part 246.4 (a)(6)

USDA Federal Regulations: 7 CFR Part 246.4 (a)(20)

USDA Federal Regulations: 7 CFR Part 246.7 (b)(2)

USDA Federal Regulations: 7 CFR Part 247.7 (d)(2)(ix)

Iowa Administrative Code: 641 – 73.15(135)

Procedures

Migrant Farmworker means an individual whose principal employment is in agriculture on a seasonal basis, who has been so employed within the last 24 months, and who establishes, for the purposes of such employment, a temporary abode.

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
- WIC services at Migrant Head Start programs

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 the policy titled "Verification of Certification" for more information on VOCs.

Proteus, Inc., an agency that provides health services to the migrant population in Iowa, serves as a liaison between WIC agencies and the migrant population. Proteus employees can assist with interpretation, outreach and referral to the WIC Program.

Proteus serves migrant workers from the following offices:

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