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### Breast Pump Purchasing Guidelines

#### Overview

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**Introduction** This section explains the use of WIC food funds for the purchase or rental of breast pumps.

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**Policy** It is the policy of the Iowa WIC Program that all breast pumps and collection kits are to be purchased using WIC food funds **as allowed**.

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**Background** The William Goodling Child Nutrition Reauthorization Act of 1998 (PL 105-336) authorizes state WIC agencies the use of food funds for the purchase or rental of breast pumps starting in Fiscal Year 1999.

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**Allowable breastfeeding related purchases with WIC food funds** Allowable breastfeeding related purchases with WIC food funds include:

- New or reconditioned breast pumps (either purchased or rented for participant use),
- Breast pump collection kits,
- **Breast pump cases**, and
- **Shipping and taxes** charged to acquire the breast pumps and breast pump collection kits.

Note: All other costs to promote and support breastfeeding must still be charged to the WIC NSA breastfeeding grant. See Policy 315.40, page 7 for a list of breastfeeding expenditures that must be charged to WIC NSA funds.

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**Staff may purchase** WIC agency staff may purchase a breast pump or collection kit from the agency at the current purchase price.

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**Quarterly Breast pump Report** In your agency's Quarterly Breast Pump Report include only the **number and type** of breast pumps and collection kits purchased for WIC participants for that quarter. Copies of invoices or bills for all breast pumps, rental fees, and/or collection kits should be maintained in your agency's file.

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**Policy  
reference**

Breast Pumps as a Food Cost, USDA Policy Memo, MPSF: WC-99-36-P.