

**SECTION: CERTIFICATION**

**SUBJECT: Certification Requirements: Services/Information  
Provided by the Local Agency at Time of Certification**

**ITEM: Coordination with Child Health and Disability Prevention  
(CHDP) Program**

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## **Policy**

Local agencies shall encourage parents/guardians of infants and children to obtain:

1. Health examinations for their infants and children in accordance with the Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) Program health assessment schedule.
2. Hematocrit and/or hemoglobin test results for first year certification and at six month intervals for children determined to be eligible for WIC program benefits. Refer to WPM 210-11 for exceptions to this six month interval requirement for children whose blood values were determined to be within the normal range.

## **CHDP Medical Guidelines**

For a copy of the CHDP medical guidelines refer to:

<http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/Pub156.aspx>. The CHDP medical guidelines include the periodicity table ("Health Assessment Procedures Required for Various Age Groups"), revised January 1984.

## **CHDP Provider Reimbursements**

The CHDP Program will reimburse CHDP providers for hematocrit/hemoglobin tests necessary for WIC certification purposes, regardless of what the periodicity table indicates, under the following conditions:

1. When the procedures are performed as part of the complete CHDP health assessment, the notation "Required by WIC" must be entered in the "Comments/Problems" section of the CHDP form "Confidential/Screening/Billing Report" (PM 160).
2. When the infant/child has not had a complete health assessment, refer to the participant to the local CHDP program for an appointment. Inform the parent/guardian on the importance of keeping the health check-up appointment. Inform the parent/guardian on the importance of keeping the health check-up appointment. A copy of the PM 160 given to the parent/guardian by the provider at the time of the CHDP assessment documenting the result of the examination can be used as the medical justification instead of a completed health referral form.

3. If WIC needs medical information between CHDP health assessments the health care provider can only be reimbursed if the procedure is billed as a “partial screen”. Refer to CHDP “Periodicity Schedule for Hemoglobin and Hematocrit Requirements for CHDP Health Assessments and WIC Certification on Infants and Children”) at: [http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/Masters-Other/CHDP/forms/periodhealth\\_c01.pdf](http://files.medi-cal.ca.gov/pubsdoco/publications/Masters-Other/CHDP/forms/periodhealth_c01.pdf)

Under this policy, CHDP will only reimburse for procedures which have an established fee (i.e., hemoglobin/hematocrit) and which are given at intervals required by WIC. CHDP will not reimburse a CHDP provider for performing only height and weight measurements because there is no established fee.

### **Local Agency Contact with CHDP Providers**

When CHDP-eligible children participate in the WIC program and require additional health assessment procedures for determination of eligibility, the provider should be informed of this need by local agency staff. If a physician provides a CHDP exam for an infant/child on the WIC program and does not include the required hemoglobin or hematocrit, please contact the provider directly. If there are persistent problems with either a CHDP provider or access to CHDP appointment slots in a community (not missed appointment problems), contact the local CHDP Program Deputy Director to request their assistance. For a list of local CHDP Programs refer to: <http://www.dhcs.ca.gov/services/chdp/Pages/countyoffices.aspx>.

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Local agencies are encouraged to develop a memorandum of understanding agreement which is specific to the local situation in order to facilitate cooperation and coordination in the provision of services. A sample agreement, prepared by the Nutrition Subcommittee of CHDP and reviewed by the CHDP Executive Committee and the State WIC Nutrition Consultants, is located in [Appendix 950-40](#).