

SECTION: Certification

SUBJECT: Eligibility Requirement

ITEM: Children: Possibility of Regression

Purpose

To define the circumstance under which participants are eligible to be recertified using possibility of regression (POR).

Policy

A child participant who has previously been certified eligible for WIC based on a specific anthropometric, biochemical, clinical, or dietary risk may be considered at nutritional risk in the next certification period if qualified staff determines there is a possibility of regression in nutritional status without WIC benefits.

Authority

7 CFR 246.7 (e)

USDA WIC Policy Memorandum 98-9, Revision 1 and Revision 8, Nutrition Risk Criteria

Guidelines

- I. If a LA is serving priorities I through IV which do not include dietary risks for children and after performing a nutrition assessment, no anthropometric, biochemical or clinical risks are identified, assessing for POR may be the last resort for eligibility.
- II. Refer to WPM 230-10 for information regarding the priority ranks.

Possibility of Regression Risk Conditions

The table below summarizes the risk conditions that can be assessed for POR. In addition, the corresponding ISIS codes, USDA reference codes, and priority levels for children are listed. Since infants are certified for one year, the POR is not applicable to the infant category.

ISIS Code (USDA Code)	Indicator of Nutritional Need	Risk Conditions that can be Regressed	Priority for Children
N10 (501)	Possibility of Regression: Anthropometric	A10 Very Underweight A11 Underweight A21 Overweight A22 Very Overweight A31 Short Stature A62 Inadequate Growth	III
N11 (501)	Possibility of Regression: Biochemical	B12 Low Hemoglobin B13 Very Low Hemoglobin B92 Lead Poisoning	III
N12 (501)	Possibility of Regression: Clinical	C53 Severe Acute Infections C57 Severe Dental Problems C100 Nutrient Deficiency Diseases C110 Failure to Thrive C121 Limited Ability to Make Feeding Decisions and/or Prepare Food C210 Infrequent Breastfeeding as Sole Source of Nutrients	II
N13 (501)	Possibility of Regression: Dietary	D401 Failure to Meet Dietary Guidelines D402 Vegan/Highly Restrictive Diets D411 Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Infants D421 Pica D423 Inappropriate/Excess Intake Dietary Supplements D425 Inappropriate Nutrition Practices for Children D428 Dietary Risk Associated with Complementary Foods	V