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**SECTION: BREASTFEEDING PROMOTION AND SUPPORT**

**SUBJECT: Lactation Support Equipment**

**ITEM: Manual or Single-User Electric Breast Pump Policy: Issuance and Inventory**

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## Policy

Single-user electric or manual breast pumps may be issued to Women Infants and Children (WIC) Program mothers who wish to breastfeed and need help maintaining their milk supply, or in situations where Local Agency (LA) staff deem a manual or [single-user electric breast pump](#) is necessary and the most appropriate pump choice.

### I. Issuance

- A. See WIC Program Manual (WPM) 620-10 for issuance requirements.

### II. General

- A. If after receiving a single-user pump a participant:
  - 1. requests formula, a trained LA staff shall discuss the risks involved in formula supplementation and possible ways to avoid supplementation; or
  - 2. requests a replacement pump, the LA staff shall not issue a replacement until the participant returns the broken or defective single-user pump to the LA.
- B. The LA shall not accept returned single-user breast pumps nor [milk collection kits](#) for reuse.

### III. Criteria for Issuance

- A. Single-user electric breast pumps may be issued to:
  - 1. mothers who are separated from their infants, such as when returning to work or school;
  - 2. mothers of special needs infants who need help maintaining their milk supply after establishing their milk supply with a [multi-user electric pump](#);

3. mothers with multiple infants;
4. mothers who are having difficulty breastfeeding due to infant or mother illness; and
5. mothers who choose to pump milk and feed infant separately.

B. Manual breast pumps may be issued due to:

1. short-term breastfeeding issues such as engorgement or plugged duct;
2. infrequent separation from baby (less than six hours per week); and
3. other reasons as determined by LA policy.

## Authority

7 CFR Part 246.11 (c) (7), (iii) and (iv)  
7 CFR Part 246.14 (b) (1) (iii)  
WIC Nutrition Services Standards 13 D (5)  
WRO All States Memorandum 95-138,  
WRO All States Memorandum 99-92,  
WRO All States Memorandum 94-107

## Related Resources

[California WIC Program Training Manual, Task III, Module C, Prenatal Nutrition and Breastfeeding Objectives](#)

[Breastfeeding Peer Counseling Program Trainings](#)