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TO: X-LA WIC Coordinators
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FROM: Kathleen Wayne
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Information- X
Policy- x
Action- x

Routine (email and hard copy) - X
Urgent (fax and hard copy)-

SUBJECT: Infant Certification Period

Our current policy on infant certification periods allows for certification for infants under 6 months of age be certified for a period up to their first birth date as long as height, weight, hemoglobin and diet is assessed 6 months after the initial certification. In an effort to support clinic efficiencies the policy will be changed to read:

Local agencies are authorized to certify participants for the following periods: "Infants under six months of age for a period extending up to the first birthday provided the quality and accessibility of health care services are not diminished".

Six month check-ups are no longer required once an infant under six months of age is certified. This does not preclude WIC agencies from scheduling appointments for infants identified as High Risk or others they feel need to be monitored more closely. Infants identified as High Risk must be seen according to the High Risk Policy requirements.