

Steps for Certification

- I. Required items must be completed at each certification. (*A midcertification health assessment* is a follow-up appointment and is not a certification appointment.) Participant Data must be recorded in the VISION system. The following is required for all families and/or participants, other data may be required if applicable.
 - a. Demographic:
 - i. First name, last name
 - ii. Sex
 - iii. Date of birth
 - iv. Participant category
 - v. Ethnicity (Hispanic/Latino or Not Hispanic/Latino)
 - vi. Race (one or more)
 - vii. Mother (name of mother or mother not on WIC)
 - viii. Preferred spoken language
 - ix. Printouts language
 - x. Mother's education level
 - xi. Proof of identity
 - xii. Physical presence at appointment
 - xiii. Phone number(s). Home Phone field must be used for primary phone number if any, not just land-lines only. Verify phone number for accuracy at each subsequent appointment to ensure appointment reminder messages can be received.
 - xiv. E-mail address (recommended to request but is not required for certification. If declined or not available leave blank)
 - xv. Physical address
 - xvi. Proof of address (residency)
 - xvii. Household size
 - xviii. Proof of income (source, proof, amount, period) or Proof of adjunct eligibility
 - xix. Voter registration (voter registration form offered if not registered to vote at current address)
 - b. Health:
 - i. Anthropometrics
 1. Prenatal Weight Gain Grid must be plotted for all pregnant women.
 2. Growth Chart must be plotted for all infants and children (age and gender appropriate).
 - ii. Bloodwork

- iii. Nutrition Interview
- iv. Risk

c. **File menu: Certification Screen:**

- i. A signature must be captured on the electronic signature pad for the Rights and Responsibilities form (R&R).

d. Education and Care:

- i. Nutrition education
- ii. Care plan
 - 1. Core contact (required at initial certification) and any referrals must be documented in the computer system. WIC program explanation to participants will be provided according to the VENA approach.

e. Foods:

- i. Food package (not required to certify but required in order to issue benefits)

II. The following items **may** be required for certification:

- a. Verification of Certification (VOC). Accepted from transfers who are currently certified by another WIC agency to prove income and nutrition risk factor eligibility (see Transfers).
- b. Complete Formula and Food Authorization form (FAFAF) signed by a prescriptive authority. This is done using the Formula and Food Authorization form (FAFAF). Required for participants receiving non-contract formula, exempt formula, or any other medical product ordered through the State office.
- c. Health Data Referral form. Required for medical data obtained by the applicant's medical provider if used for certification.
- d. High risk care plan for high risk participants. Assessment and Plan portion of SOAP note must be documented in the VISION care plan at the time of certification.
- e. Immunizations Release. Required for all clients agreeing to share their child's immunizations records.

- i. The signature for this release is captured within the Family Referral panel.
- f. Proof of guardianship/caretaker. Required for all non-parent applicants applying for benefits for an infant or child.