

WAC 246-790-501 Participant purpose. (1) The federal special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) provides supplemental foods and nutrition education to pregnant, post-partum and breastfeeding women, infants and young children from families with inadequate income through payment of cash grants to states that operate WIC food delivery systems. The department operates a WIC retail food delivery system in which WIC participants obtain authorized supplemental foods by submitting a food instrument to a retail business that has entered into a contract with the department to provide such service. The department's WIC operations comply with the most current version of 7 C.F.R. Sec. 246. Copies are available from the Department of Health, P.O. Box 47886, Olympia, WA 98504-7886, or by calling the WIC nutrition program at 800-841-1410.

(2) The purpose of this chapter is to establish:

(a) Requirements an applicant must meet to be certified as a WIC participant;

(b) Circumstances and process for verifying and sharing WIC applicant information;

(c) Participant violations and the sanctions that will be applied when violations occur;

(d) The circumstances in which a monetary claim will be imposed, the process for establishing a claim, and the consequences for failing to pay, or make arrangements to pay, a claim;

(e) The circumstances in which participants are disqualified; and

(f) The participant appeal process.

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