

WIC Local Agency Conference Call

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17, 2024, 8:30-9:30 AM

Agenda and Summary Notes

Agenda Items:

- WINNIE/HuBERT Updates – Tami
 - Referrals – Action Item
 - High Risk for 131 – Action Item
 - WINNIE Training Environment
- Mead Johnson Formula Update – Jessie
- Conference “Know Before You Go” Items– Carole/Jenny

Program Updates

WINNIE/HuBERT Updates – Tami

- **Referrals – Action Item** – Tami
An issue with referrals was discovered when running peer breastfeeding reports. Tami shared examples in the program screen for a clinic, if an agency selects another agency id besides their own, that agency information will show up on your report. Agencies should only use their own referral with their agency id. Please review your list of topics and don’t list any agency referrals with an id from another agency, only list ones for your agency. Only select one Program topic, never multiple topics. An agency cannot have the same referral listed more than once. Only distinct organization topics can be listed.
- **High Risk for 131 – Action Item** – Tami
In HuBERT, there was a bug for risk code 131 low maternal weight gain in pregnancy and it was high risk whenever assigned. In WINNIE the system will work as it should without a workaround. Winnie works correctly and agencies after roll out of WINNIE will no longer need this workaround.
- **WINNIE Training Environment** – Tami
The training environment is available. Agencies can call on Monday to the helpdesk and set up the training environment. Multi Factor Authorization will be used when logging in. This is different than in the past training environments. Directions were provided in [WINNIE the Scoop](#) on July 18.
- **WINNIE Rollout sharing** – Katie and Betsy from Dakota County
It was shared that the roll out went “very smoothly, and they focused on helping each other with any questions or scenarios. It works very fast as promised! Opening folders are very easy when navigating from one participant to another.”
Notes from Dakota staff: They love the note editing feature and spell check! It is easy to adjust benefits.
Tips: Have some breaks each day to work through any issues or questions. Dakota Co. WIC staff are feeling much more comfortable after the first week. The training environment is very helpful for staff to practice and play around in the system. They worked with each other to practice and help the team feel comfortable and confident and feel with this transition it was “not that big of a deal”

and “mainly have to remember where things are and how to find areas in WINNIE. Overall, a very positive change, and it was an easier transition from when they did CHIP to HuBERT.”

Mead Johnson Update – Jessie

July 9, 2024, a tornado hit the Midwest Mead Johnson formula distribution plant and they continue to assess the damage. Our state orders are currently being fulfilled through another distribution plant. WIC vendors may experience some delays in getting product. Out of caution, larger cans of Gentlease, AR and Reguline will be available for WIC families to purchase in retail stores if small cans are not available. Enfamil Infant is not expected to be impacted by the warehouse damage. An app notification will be going out 7/18/24 to participants. Vendors will also be receiving an update regarding this potential issue. We are using similar materials as we did in the past to allow the larger can substitutions and staff can go to the [WIC Formula](#) web page to view allowed substitutions. We will be working closely with Mead Johnson and share announcements through the Weekly Update.

Conference “Know Before You Go” Items– Carole/Jenny

We are excited for the conference and counting down to the event! It is two months away and last day to register is Friday, Sept. 6. Some helpful items:

- **Meals/Beverages** – Breakfast/Lunch/Snack/beverages will be offered.
- **Hotel** stay, if you are staying in the area there are multiple stores/restaurants/walking trails nearby.
- **Lactation/Prayer/Mediation** -Babes in arms are welcome at the conference. There will be a lactation space and a prayer/mediation room available. There is free parking.
- **Pre/Post conference events** will be on the MDH Learning center and available for CEUs. There is no virtual option for the in-person day conference. CEUs will be provided that day.
- **Going green** - Materials will be posted on our website for downloading or accessing virtually. A QR code will be available at the venue to pull up materials. Free WIFI at the conference.
- **Accessibility for the conference**, use a microphone when asking a question, be considerate, flexible and ask for what you need. This will help everyone focus on what is being shared and presented at the conference.

For more information about the conference visit the [MN WIC 2024 Training Conference](#) web page. Email health.wic@state.mn.us with questions.

Questions & Answers

Can we delete referrals that are no longer are needed even if they have been used in the past.

Past referrals can't be deleted. Agencies can deselect a referral and only select referrals that agencies want included in their listing.

Is there any way to only have referrals unique to your agency show up?

In WINNIE, the referral listing will only show specifically for your agency. It is very important as your agency transitions from HuBERT to WINNIE to have current referrals selected for your agency.

Will a message go out to participants on the WIC app regarding the ability to purchase larger formula can sizes?

Yes, a message will go out to participants regarding this issue. See the July 17 Weekly Update for message details.

How long is it anticipated that the formula substitutions list will be needed?

We are uncertain.

Can one change or switch a conference breakout session previously selected?

Yes, we will make the space to allow people to change. Rooms will have capacity though so we may have to close the doors when the room is full.

Will there be a presentation that meets the ethics requirement for credentialed staff?

We are applying for ethic credits for at least 2 presentations.

Reference – Complete Listing of Hyperlinks

[WINNIE the Scoop](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/infosystem/thescop.html)

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[WIC Formula](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/formulachange.html) (<https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/formulachange.html>)

[MN WIC 2024 Training Conference](https://www.health.state.mn.us/people/wic/localagency/24conference.html)

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