

**SECTION: Certification****SUBJECT: Categorical Eligibility**

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**Federal Regulations:** §246.7 (c) (1)**POLICY**

During the certification process, an applicant shall be in one of the WIC approved categories:

- Pregnant women
- Postpartum women up to six months after the end of pregnancy (live birth, miscarriage, abortion or fetal death)
- Breastfeeding women up to the breastfeeding infant's first birthday
- Infants from birth to their first birthday
- Children to their fifth birthday

**Guidance**

Determine if the applicant is within a WIC approved category.

If categorical ineligibility was determined during an appointment, complete and issue a Notice of Participant Action form. Give a copy to the participant and keep a copy of the documentation in the ineligible applicant document file.