

SECTION: Certification**SUBJECT: Special Population Participants**

Federal Regulations: §246.4 (a)(6), §246.4 (a)(21)-(22) and §246.7(o) (2) (i)-(iii)

POLICY**Children in State Custody**

The local agency shall make efforts to provide program benefits to unserved infants and children under the care of foster parents, protective services or child welfare authorities. This category also includes infants exposed to drugs perinatally.

Employed Individuals and Rural Residents

In addition to giving employed individuals a scheduled appointment to apply for the program, the WIC local agency shall make provisions for employed individuals to receive nutrition education and pick up their benefits, in order to minimize the amount of time the individual must spend away from work to obtain WIC benefits.

The WIC local agency shall adopt or revise procedures and practices to minimize the time participants must travel, including adjustment of clinic hours and/or locations.

Native American Populations

There are small numbers of Native American Indians dispersed in the general population in Connecticut. The Connecticut WIC program has determined that these special populations are best served by being processed individually in the normal fashion consistent with the local WIC program's procedures.