

<b>Texas WIC Health and Human Services Commission</b>
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## Referral to Health Services

### **Purpose**

To ensure participants are provided information about and referred to health services when appropriate.

### **Authority**

7 CFR Part 246.7

### **Definitions**

Health services - any routine pediatric and obstetric care (such as well-child checkups, prenatal or postpartum examinations, specialty care, dentistry, and family planning).

Medical home - a healthcare professional or healthcare clinic that provides comprehensive medical care. Comprehensive care includes care of patients with illnesses and injuries, well-child exams, immunizations, and referrals for specialty care.

Follow-up - efforts the local agency (LA) makes to contact the participant and determine the outcome (disposition) of the referral.

### **Policy**

LAs shall refer participants to health services when appropriate. A list of local resources shall be made available for distribution to all applicants and/or participants and their parents or caregivers.

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**Procedure**

- I. LAs shall maintain an up-to-date list of local health services including resources for drug and other harmful substance abuse counseling and treatment.
- II. At each certification, LAs shall determine whether or not an applicant has a medical home. The medical home shall be documented on the Participant Page of the MIS.
- III. Applicants and/or participants who do not have a medical home shall be:
  - A. given an up-to-date, written list of health services within the community; and
  - B. counseled about the importance of regular health care.
- IV. Applicants and/or participants who are identified as needing drug and other harmful substance abuse services shall be given an up-to-date, written list of drug and harmful substance abuse counseling and treatment services.