

## **MINNESOTA WIC PARTICIPANT PRIORITY SYSTEM**

### **PRIORITY 1**

Pregnant women, breastfeeding women and infants at nutritional risk as demonstrated by hematological or anthropometric measurements, or other documented nutritionally related medical conditions which demonstrate the person's need for supplemental foods. Women who are breastfeeding an infant who is eligible for participation in this priority group. An infant who is breastfed by a woman who is eligible for participation in this priority group.

### **PRIORITY 2**

Except for those infants who qualify for Priority 1, infants (up to 6 months of age) of WIC participants who participated during pregnancy, and infants (up to 6 months of age) born to women who were not WIC participants during pregnancy, but whose medical records document that they were at nutritional risk during pregnancy due to nutritional conditions detectable by biochemical or anthropometric measurements or other documented nutritionally related medical conditions which demonstrated the person's need for supplemental foods. (This must be documented through the health delivery system.) Also women who are breastfeeding an infant who is eligible in this priority group.

### **PRIORITY 3**

Children at nutritional risk as demonstrated by hematological or anthropometric measurements or other documented medical conditions which demonstrates the child's need for supplemental foods.

### **PRIORITY 4**

Pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and infants at nutritional risk because of an inadequate dietary pattern. Also women who are breastfeeding an infant who is eligible in this priority group. An infant who is breastfed by a woman who is eligible for participation in this priority group. Pregnant women, breastfeeding women and infants who are migrants or homeless.

### **PRIORITY 5**

Children at nutritional risk because of an inadequate dietary pattern. Children who are migrants or homeless.

### **PRIORITY 6**

Postpartum nonbreastfeeding women at nutritional risk. Postpartum nonbreastfeeding women who are migrants or homeless.

### **PRIORITY 7**

Anticipated regression in status for those women and children who were certified as a priority 1-6 during the previous certification.

NOTE: A breastfeeding woman may be determined to be at nutritional risk based on her own health status or that of her infant. A breastfed infant can be certified based on either their own health status, or on the mother's medical and/or nutritional assessment. The highest priority for which either is qualified is assigned to both mother and infant.