Several local WIC agencies have expressed interest in tracking information on breastfeeding initiation, hospital supplementation and exclusivity. To further this objective, agencies with breastfeeding peer programs piloted a question in HuBERT that tracks whether an infant ever breastfed and if so, if and when formula supplementation began. This pilot was successful, so we are encouraging other local agencies to consider collecting the same information.

Because a required State Use question must be filled out for all WIC types (including women and older children), this question will remain optional. However, we highly recommended that you use this question to track this information for their agency.

The following State Use question is currently available for local agency use.

- It is in **Demographics, AdditionalInfo1 tab**: First time formula/other given to infant (meds ok)
- Definitions of the drop down choices are in [Breastfeeding Exclusivity HuBERT State Use Question #1 Guidance and Definitions](#).

We hope that making this question available statewide will meet the needs of many agencies.

If your agency is interested in using this field to track initiation and exclusivity, please contact Marcia McCoy or Joni Geppert for more information.