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TO:   WIC Coordinators  
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SUBJECT:  Exclusive Breastfeeding During the Hospital Stay Fact Sheet – New!!

A new fact sheet about Minnesota WIC infants’ breastfeeding during the hospital stay has been developed, which includes:

- Explanation of importance of breastfeeding exclusivity during the hospital stay
- Effect of in-hospital supplementation with formula on:
  - breastfeeding at 3 months of age, and
  - length of time of any breastfeeding, by race and ethnicity
- Variations in percentage of infants exclusively breastfed by race and ethnicity
- Links to information on the Ten Steps to Successful Breastfeeding, the Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative, MDH’s Five-Star Designation Awards, and Mother-Baby Ten STEPS Award

This report uses data collected by local agencies using the Breastfeeding Exclusivity State Use Question #1 which asks whether infants were fed mother’s milk, formula, or both during their hospital stay.

Check out the Exclusive Breastfeeding During the Hospital Stay FACT SHEET and share it with your local leadership, community partners and local breastfeeding coalitions!