



Wisconsin WIC Breast Pump Program

What Hospitals Need to Know

Who is eligible for a breast pump?

- Women who are currently enrolled in the WIC Program in Wisconsin.
- If the mom receives Medicaid, a reasonable effort is made to obtain a breast pump through Medicaid before issuing a WIC pump.
- Pumps are only issued in the postpartum period based on the WIC breastfeeding assessment.

What types of breast pumps are available through WIC?

- **Hospital grade pumps** are available to WIC moms who need to establish their milk supply when separated from their infant. There may be a small deposit requested from moms that is returned to them when they bring the pump back.
- **Personal-use, double-electric breast pumps** are generally issued to WIC moms who need help maintaining their milk supply when returning to work or school.
- **Manual breast pumps** are issued to WIC moms who need to collect milk for infrequent separation from their babies or to help resolve short-term breastfeeding concerns.

Is every WIC mom eligible for a breast pump?

- WIC breastfeeding moms do not automatically get issued a breast pump.
- A breastfeeding assessment needs to be completed by the WIC nutritionist prior to pump issuance. This is done at the mom's WIC appointment.
- If a pump is issued, the type of pump is based on the need of the breastfeeding mom.

How long does it take to get a breast pump?

- Mom should contact a local WIC clinic as soon as she knows she needs a pump. WIC clinics are very busy and work by appointment.
- All of our breastfeeding moms are of the highest priority. Depending on clinic location and schedule, it may take a few days before a mom can be scheduled to pick up and receive instruction on the use of a pump.
- If a WIC breastfeeding mom needs immediate assistance and doesn't have an appointment, she will be seen based on the individual WIC clinic's schedule for that day.

How do I contact WIC?

For information on the closest WIC office, call toll free: **1-800-722-2295** or look on the web at:

www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/localproject/cliniclocations.htm

Local WIC:

Wisconsin WIC has breast pumps available for WIC moms who qualify.

Go to: <http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/wic/nonDiscrimination.htm> for the U.S. Department of Agriculture non-discrimination statement.



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