POLICY:

The purpose of this policy is to provide procedures for the replacement of eWIC Benefit Cards.

PROCEDURE:

A. Instruction for the WIC Parent/Guardian or Caretaker

- 1. The parent/guardian or caretaker will be informed to report lost, stolen or damaged eWIC Benefit Cards by calling the toll-free number on the back of the benefit card or by notifying the local WIC clinic.
- 2. The parent/guardian or caretaker must be informed that replacement food benefits will not be issued if the eWIC benefits have expired.

B. Replacement of eWIC Benefit Cards

- 1. When a participant reports a lost, stolen or damaged eWIC Benefit Card to the local WIC clinic, the clinic staff will then deactivate the participant's eWIC Benefit Card.
- 2. The participant must come to the clinic to receive the replacement card.
- 3. All unused benefits still remaining for the current month will be loaded to the new eWIC Benefit Card.
- 4. Benefits purchased by unauthorized users will not be replaced.

REFERENCES:

- 1. WIC Regulations 246.12, Food Delivery Systems
- 2. SFP 95-067, WIC Disaster Policy and Coordination
- 3. SFP 95-135, Revision to WIC Disaster Policy and Coordination
- 4. SFP 96-035, Revision of WIC Disaster Policy
- 5. SFP 96-042, Addition of Cross Reference to SFP 96-035