POLICY:

The USDA requires that the Local Agency refer participants to available immunization services.

PROCEDURE:

A. Allowable WIC Costs for Immunization Referrals

The costs of WIC participant immunization assessment, referral, education and caseload management.

Example: The cost of developing and printing educational materials could be an allowable WIC cost when the publication is targeted to and used by WIC participants. When a publication is also intended for use in programs other than WIC, those programs will pay a fair and equitable share of the costs.

B. Other Federal and State Resources

WIC funding is not intended to duplicate available services from other programs. While WIC may fund the above cited costs for WIC participants, the immunization service may first wish to use other available resources first. Other Federal and State resources available to support immunization services for WIC participants include:

- 1. Title V Maternal and Child Health Grants
- 2. The Early Periodic Screening, Diagnostic and Treatment Program
- 3. Immunization Program Grants including:
- < Immunization Action Plan (IAP) funding provided by CDC; and
- < State and local appropriated funds for these purposes.

C. Unallowable WIC Costs for Immunization

WIC funds will **not** be used for the costs which are associated with the delivery of acute or primary health care services, such as purchasing and administering vaccines and medical equipment (i.e. oxygen units, syringes, etc.). For this reason, work hours spent on immunization need to be clearly reported in the proper column on the WIC-30 or approved Parent agency time sheet.

REFERENCES:

1. SFP 95-108, Allowable Costs for Immunization