STATE PLAN UNDER TITLE XIX OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY ACT

State: ARIZONA

COORDINATION WITH SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTAL FOOD PROGRAM FOR WOMEN, INFANTS AND CHILDREN (WIC)

The AHCCCS Administration has cooperative arrangements with other State agencies for the coordination of operations under the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) under Section 17 of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966. The following is a description of cooperative arrangements between the State agencies.

- 1. The AHCCCS Administration and the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) have revised policy and training for medical assistance to reflect the provision of WIC services through the Arizona Department of Health Services (DHS).
- 2. Written instructions covering the implementation of WIC notification to all eligible households including women and children are provided.
- 3. WIC brochures are available for distribution and a verbal explanation of these benefits is given to everyone at the time of initial application interviews and recertification. Additional brochures are placed in DES and AHCCCS local office reception areas so they can be available to persons in other programs who may qualify for these benefits. Women enrolled in AHCCCS health plans, who at some time after certification become pregnant, are notified by their health plan coordinator of the WIC benefits.
- 4. Finally, the State assures that timely notification of WIC benefits will be provided. For ongoing monitoring purposes, review procedures are being established to ensure that notification of these benefits are provided in a timely manner to pregnant women, breastfeeding women, women in their postpartum period and children under the age of five.

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