Section III: State Agency Procedure Manual

VI. Food Funds Management
C. Participant Priority Ranking System

Purpose
To ensure local agencies serve the highest priority WIC participants when the maximum participation level has been reached.

Policy
The following priorities will be applied by the Competent Professional Authority when vacancies occur after a local WIC program has reached its maximum participation level, in order to assure that those persons at greatest nutrition risk receive program benefits.

1. Priority System
   - The State will use the following priority levels:
     - Priority I: Pregnant women, breastfeeding women and infants at nutrition risk as demonstrated by hematological or anthropometric measurements, or other documented nutrition related medical conditions which demonstrate the person’s need for supplemental foods.
     - Priority II: Except those infants who qualify for Priority I, infants (up to 6 months of age) of women who participated during pregnancy, and infants (up to 6 months of age) born of women who were not WIC participants during pregnancy but whose medical records document that they were at nutrition risk during pregnancy due to nutrition conditions detectable by biochemical or anthropometric measurements or other documented nutrition related medical conditions which demonstrated the person’s need for supplemental foods.
     - Priority III: Children at nutrition risk as demonstrated by hematological or anthropometric measurements or other documented medical conditions which demonstrate the child’s need for supplemental foods; postpartum teens pregnant at 17 years of age or under.
     - Priority IV: Pregnant women, breastfeeding women and infants at nutrition risk because of an inadequate dietary pattern, migrant status or homelessness.
     - Priority V: Children at nutrition risk because of an inadequate dietary pattern, migrant status or homelessness.
     - Priority VI: Postpartum women at nutrition risk.