

VENA IMPEMENATION
PHASE II: VENA IMPEMENATION PLAN FORM*
Due On or Before August 15, 2007

This form was developed to assist State agencies in completing Phase II: VENA Implementation Plan. State agencies may use this form or another format, such as the one used for State Plans, to develop their VENA Implementation Plans. Whatever format is used, the VENA Implementation Plan must have sufficient detail for each of the areas indicated below and must be appended to the Fiscal Year 2008 State Plan.

	Activity	Action(s) Needed	Priority	Target Dates	Anticipated Costs
Policies and Procedures	Develop or revise current policies and procedures to enhance the quality of WIC nutrition assessment (to include policies and procedures that enhance the use of assessment information for personalizing nutrition interventions).	Please identify actions needed for each activity. 1. Revise policies related to nutrition assessment, assignment of risk, nutrition education and documentation of nutrition intervention. 2. Revise diet assessment tools to reflect VENA, Nutrition Risk Criteria, SFP 98-9, Revision 8 and IOM recommendations.	Please prioritize actions needed for each activity. High Priority: Staff put great importance on following policy and procedure. Policy will need to be revised in order for staff to comfortably apply a Valued Enhanced Nutrition Assessment.	Please identify target dates for completion of actions needed for each activity. Polices Revised Oct.-Feb. for implementation by April, 2008. Nutrition Education Coordinator will meet with Local Agency Nutrition Education Liaisons to revise forms and policies.	Please identify anticipated costs (if any) for actions needed for each activity. Meeting Cost (08 OAF)
Training	Identify VENA training needs and develop training plans for all staff related to WIC nutrition assessment, to include but not limited to the 3 areas covered in the Regional VENA Competency Trainings (critical thinking; rapport building and; Health Outcome-Based WIC Nutrition Assessment).	1. Provide training on the use of Emotion Based nutrition education. 2. Train staff on new policies. 3. Continue to identify staff competency requirements and provide additional training as necessary. 4. Continue to provide competency based training for new employees which include Anthropometric, Hematological and STORC.	Medium Priority	1. September 12, 2007, Presentation by Pam McCarthy 2. March 2008 3. Ongoing 4. Ongoing	1. Covered by 07 OAF, Nutrition Education 2. Meeting Cost (08 OAF)

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Positive Assessment Approaches	Develop plan for shifting WIC nutrition assessment from a deficiency finding process to a more positive process that focuses on desired health outcomes. (May include development of new assessment methods e.g., use of the Health Outcome-Based WIC Nutrition Assessment model.)	Begin using Relevant Nutrition Assessment Information Tables in Appendix A of the VENA guidance document.	Medium Priority	April 2008	None. Part of NSA activities.
Management Information System (MIS) Support for Assessment	Identify changes to the MIS that support the value enhanced WIC nutrition assessment process.	1. Make MIS system changes necessary. 2. Integrate VENA in the development of new computer system (SAM).	High Priority	1. March 2008 2. Ongoing	1. MIS cost will be part of NSA activities 2. Included in SAM development
Local Agency Review Process	Incorporate VENA into the State and local agency review process.	Revise both internal and external monitoring tools that are used by the state and local agencies.	Medium Priority	April 2008	None. Part of NSA activites.

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