

APPENDIX Q
AGE 3 EXTENSION WIC INFANT AND TODDLER FEEDING PRACTICES STUDY - II
ANNOUNCEMENT TO WIC SITES

Dear [insert name]:

Thank you for your participation in the Feeding My Baby Study. With assistance from the 80 WIC study sites, a total of 4,367 infants were enrolled in the study. This met our goal for enrollment, and we appreciate your cooperation and support to achieve it. We are pleased to announce that the study is being extended for one additional year. The USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) is contracting with Westat and its partners to follow the infants enrolled in the study through their third birthday with two additional phone interviews conducted at ages 30 and 36 months. This will further contribute to the study's goal of documenting feeding practices of WIC infants and toddlers and assessing the impact of WIC on those practices.

For the additional year, the WIC study sites will be asked to provide a limited amount of assistance. There will be **no recruitment** of additional infants/children for the study. The infants who were enrolled during 2013 will continue to be in the study even if they are no longer on WIC. Therefore, your site will not be asked to accommodate study recruitment activities. On behalf of FNS, Westat will communicate about the extension of the study with the parents/caregivers of the infants, obtain their consent to continue on the study, and will stay in contact with them to encourage their ongoing participation in the study. [Insert only for the sites that required and IRB approval: We will also submit an amendment for the study extension to your Institutional Review Board.]

During the additional year of the study, your WIC site will:

- Occasionally be asked to assist in providing updated contact information for parents/caregivers when they cannot be located through other means. This will occur only when the child is believed to be enrolled in WIC.
- Be asked to conduct weight and height measurements for three year old children who are in the study, but **no longer** enrolled in WIC. We will offer your site a monetary grant for conducting these measurements.

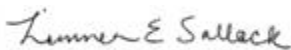
With assistance from your State Agency, we have scheduled [Insert: a conference call or X conference calls] to provide additional details regarding the activities associated with the study extension and answer your questions regarding the study. Please join us for [Insert: the call or one of the calls] scheduled for:

[Insert date(s) and conference call number(s)]

If you are no longer the WIC site point-of-contact for the Feeding My Baby study, please notify Linnea Sallack at linnea.sallack@altarum.org of the appropriate person to contact regarding the study.

We appreciate your ongoing cooperation with the Feeding My Baby study.

Sincerely,



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