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**TO:** WIC Regional Directors  
WIC Local Agency Directors

**FROM:** Linda Brumble, Unit Manager  
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**DATE:** March 25, 2014

**SUBJECT:** Certified Lactation Counselor (CLC) Exam Fee Clarification

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The state agency has recently received several questions about whether or not the fee to become a CLC through the Healthy Children's Center for Breastfeeding is a WIC-allowable expense. Texas WIC policy recognizes only the International Board Certified Lactation Consultants and DSHS Trained Breastfeeding Educators and Peer Counselors, so the fee for the CLC exam is not a WIC-allowable expense. WIC agency directors may choose, at their discretion, to send staff to any breastfeeding training, including the Healthy Children's Center for Breastfeeding's Lactation Counseling Training Program; however, the fee to take the exam to receive the CLC Certification or to renew it is not WIC-allowable.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracy Erickson, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, at [tracy.erickson@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:tracy.erickson@dshs.state.tx.us) or 512-341-4521.