



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: ILCA Membership is WIC-allowable

The State Agency has received several inquiries about whether membership to the International Lactation Consultant Association (ILCA) is an allowable WIC cost. Yes, it is an allowable cost. ILCA membership automatically includes joint membership to the United States Lactation Consultant Association (USLCA). The annual cost of membership is \$165.00 and includes the following education benefits.

ILCA membership includes:

- Subscription to the *Journal of Human Lactation* and access to all issues online
- *ILCA eGlobe* monthly online newsletter providing association and professional news
- Inclusion in the *Find a Lactation Consultant* online referral directory for mothers, and the *Worksite Support Lactation Directory* for business employers
- ILCA conference discount
- 50% discount on more than 50 self-study modules with continuing education units (CEUs)
- Discounts on exam review books in ILCA online bookstore
- Online discussion board for networking with peers around the world
- Downloadable Power Points, position papers and patient handouts

USCLA membership includes:

- Subscription to the *Clinical Lactation Journal* and access to all issues online
- *USLCA eNews* monthly online newsletter
- USLCA sponsored webinars at discounted rates

Subscriptions to the *Journal of Human Lactation* and the *Clinical Lactation Journal* in lieu of ILCA membership is also a WIC allowable cost. Also, if your local agency is searching for an IBCLC to hire, USLCA would like to post your job announcement on their website. Please contact Scott Sherwood at scott.sherwood@uslcaonline.org or 919-861-4543.

If you would like to join or learn more about ILCA, please visit www.ilca.org. If you would like to learn more about USCLA, please visit www.uslcaonline.org. If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Tracy Erickson, WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator, at (512) 341-4521, or email tracy.erickson@dshs.state.tx.us.