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

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**SUBJECT: Growth XP Computer Security**

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Security of clinic equipment and participant data is of extreme importance in the daily operations of each of our clinics. As a result, all local agencies were initially required to purchase and install a security cable before using the Growth XP computers. However, some agencies have expressed concerns that this requirement has impeded their ability to utilize Growth XP as a result of clinic spacing and layout constraints.

**We reconvened on this topic and concluded the following:**

- Growth XP computers and the participant data that is stored on them should be kept as secure as the WIN computers and client files.
- Whenever possible, please use the security cable to secure the Growth XP computers. In the event that this is not practical, this should not preclude the use of these machines and alternate security measures should be maintained during and after clinic hours.

In addition, we are exploring options for obtaining smaller printers for the Growth XP computers.

If you have questions or require additional information, please contact Leona Duong, Clinical Nutrition Specialist, at (512) 341-4520, or [Leona.Duong@dshs.state.tx.us](mailto:Leona.Duong@dshs.state.tx.us).