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Title 22@ Social Security

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Article 2@ Certification of Participants

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Section 40677@ Certification Periods

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(a)

Certification periods shall be within the following timeframes: (1) Pregnant women shall be certified for the duration of their pregnancy and for up to six weeks postpartum. (2) Postpartum women shall be certified for up to six months postpartum. (3) Breastfeeding women shall be certified at intervals of approximately six months, ending with the infant's first birthday. (4) Infants shall be certified at intervals of approximately every six months. The Department may permit local agencies to certify infants under six months of age for a period extending up to the first birthday, provided that the quality and accessibility of health care services are not diminished. (5) Children shall be certified at intervals of approximately six months and ending with the end of the month in which a child reaches the fifth birthday.

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Pregnant women shall be certified for the duration of their pregnancy and for up to six weeks postpartum.

(2)

Postpartum women shall be certified for up to six months postpartum.

(3)

Breastfeeding women shall be certified at intervals of approximately six months, ending with the infant's first birthday.

(4)

Infants shall be certified at intervals of approximately every six months. The Department may permit local agencies to certify infants under six months of age for a period extending up to the first birthday, provided that the quality and accessibility of health care services are not diminished.

(5)

Children shall be certified at intervals of approximately six months and ending with the end of the month in which a child reaches the fifth birthday.

(b)

In cases where there is difficulty in appointment scheduling, the certification period for breastfeeding women, infants, and children may be shortened or extended by a period not to exceed thirty (30) calendar days.