

Nutrition/Health Volume
 Certification Section

Risk Factor 602 (Breastfeeding Complications or Potential Complications
 (Women)) (2.04710)

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POLICY: ~~A breastfeeding woman shall be assigned #~~ Risk factor 602 (Breastfeeding
 Complications or Potential Complications (Women)) shall be assigned to a
 breastfeeding woman with any of the following when complications or potential
 complications for breastfeeding exist as listed in this policy. Procedures for
~~obtaining data, documentation and assigning risk factors must be followed. This~~
 risk factor shall be assigned to a currently breastfeeding prenatal with any of the
 following complications or potential complications for breastfeeding.

Complications (or Potential Complications)	
Severe breast engorgement	Cracked, bleeding or severely sore nipples
Recurrent plugged ducts	Age \geq 40years
Mastitis (fever or flu-like symptoms with localized breast tenderness)	Failure of milk to come in by 4 days postpartum
Flat or inverted nipples	Tandem nursing (breastfeeding two siblings who are not twins)

PROCEDURES:

A. Obtaining Data

1. Obtain verification of complication from visual observation or
2. Obtain verification of complication from healthcare provider or lactation
 consultant either verbally or in written format (i.e., a note on a physicians
 prescription pad, referral form, medical record, other reliable record or verbal
 confirmation from physician or someone working under physician's order) or
3. Obtain verification of complication as self reported by
 applicant/participant/caregiver.

B. Documenting

1. Document the complication in the General Notes or Breastfeeding Notes in
 MOWINS.
2. Scan any written documentation provided by the healthcare provider or lactation
 consultant in the participant's file in MOWINS.

C. Assessing Risk Factor

1. The CPA shall assess all breastfeeding women for breastfeeding complications or potential complications at certification, recertification and any follow-up appointments.
 - a. An assessment may include observing the mother's breasts and/or nipples, tissue damage, the infant's position and latch at the breast and milk transfer.
2. ~~Refer to the [Risk Factor Detail Guide](#) for additional information.~~

D. Assigning Risk Factor

1. The CPA certifying staff shall assign risk factor 602 to a breastfeeding woman or pregnant woman currently breastfeeding an infant when any of the following listed complications or potential complications for breastfeeding exists:
 - a. ~~Severe breast engorgement~~
 - b. ~~Recurrent plugged ducts~~
 - c. ~~Mastitis (fever or flu-like symptoms with localized breast tenderness)~~
 - d. ~~Flat or inverted nipples~~
 - e. ~~Cracked, bleeding or severely sore nipples~~
 - f. ~~Age > 40~~
 - g. ~~Failure of milk to come in by 4 days postpartum~~
 - h. ~~Tandem nursing (breastfeeding two siblings who are not twins)~~
2. Refer to the [Risk Factor Detail Guide](#) for additional information.
3. Priority assignment for the risk factor is found in ER #2.03200.

E. Providing Appropriate Counseling (See [Counseling Guides](#) for suggested counseling). Refer to the [Nutrition Training Manual](#) for more information. Additional education suggestions are located in the USDA Regulations and Justification for the risk factor.

1. Counseling and education shall be provided by the CPA.
2. Document counseling contact in MOWINS.

F. Providing Referrals

1. Provide appropriate referral information which may include peer counselor, lactation consultant, or healthcare provider and document in MOWINS.