

Specially Selected—

Barrow Health Center

The Barrow Health Center has been selected to participate in the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children (WIC).

The project is funded at \$24,000 and got under way around the middle of March. Also included in the Alaska project are Barter Island and Wainwright.

Participants are eligible for this pilot program if they: (1) live in an approved project area; (2) are eligible for medical treatment at reduced cost from a local agency servicing the project area in which they live; and (3) are determined by competent medical personnel to be in need of supplemental food.

Selection of these sites focused on meeting the mandated requirements for full medical evaluation of the program.

In making these selections from applications received, consideration was given to the adequacy of medical facilities and staffing; availability of other food programs to serve the women, infants and children; the income and nutritional risk level in the area, and a number of similar factors.

Dr. Donald Freeman, director of Public Health, advised that the project will be carried out by the State Division of Public Health.