

Memorandum

To: DC WIC Partners

Date: September 28, 2023

Subject: **GUIDANCE ON DC WIC OPERATIONS AFTER SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

This serves to inform District of Columbia residents and public health partners of the DC WIC program's continued operations after September 30, 2023 in the event of a federal government shutdown.

The DC Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program is one of the most effective perinatal infant health programs in the city and provides 14,000 women, infants, and children with healthy food, breastfeeding support, nutrition education, and connections to community resources.

On October 1, 2023, the DC WIC program will continue to operate as normal. DC WIC participants are encouraged to use their WIC benefits as issued on their eWIC card (EBT) and attend their scheduled WIC appointments. Residents and partners are encouraged to continue to schedule appointments to apply and refer families to WIC.

Access to WIC Services

Access to WIC services is not impacted at this time. Current DC WIC participants and those wanting to apply for DC WIC should contact DC WIC clinics directly for WIC services. Contact information for DC WIC clinics can be found here: www.dcwic.org/find-your-clinic-northeast.

DC WIC partners should continue to send referrals for DC WIC services via www.linkudmv.org or www.dcwic.org/dc-wic-appointment-request.

Access to WIC-Authorized Stores and Farmers' Markets

Access to WIC-Authorized stores is not impacted at this time. DC WIC participants should use their WIC benefits as issued on their eWIC card (EBT) at any DC WIC-authorized store. A list of DC WIC-authorized stores can be found here: www.dcwic.org/find-your-store-map

Access to WIC-Authorized farmers' markets is not impacted. DC WIC participants should use their WIC Farmers Market Nutrition Program benefits as issued on their eWIC card (EBT) at any DC WIC-authorized farmers' market. A list of DC WIC-authorized farmers markets can be found here: www.dcwic.org/fmnp.

Any changes to DC WIC program operations will be communicated promptly. Please call (202) 442-9397 or email info.wic@dc.gov for any concerns.