



**State of Louisiana**  
Louisiana Department of Health  
Office of Public Health

To: Louisiana WIC Authorized Vendors

From: Monique Phillips  
Bureau of Nutrition Services

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Re: 2018 Government Shutdown Update-WIC Services Guidance

As you may be aware, the federal government shutdown over the weekend. Upon review of the Louisiana WIC current budget, there is enough federal funding to continue providing WIC services in the state of Louisiana through approximately March 31, 2018. Congress passed a bill to fund the WIC Program through February 8, 2018.

Please be advised that the Louisiana WIC Program is open for business and will continue providing WIC services until further notice.

Vendors may accept WIC Food Instruments, per the Vendor Agreement. Remember early redemption is not allowed, no exceptions. Please continue to redeem, process and deposit WIC Food Instruments as usual. All Vendors will be given an update in the upcoming weeks.

Again, continue to serve WIC participants until further notice.

Bureau of Nutrition Services will keep you apprised as we receive updates. If you have further concerns, feel free to give our office a call 504-568-8229.

Thank you for serving Louisiana's most nutritionally vulnerable residents.