



Food and  
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**SUBJECT:** Lapse in FY2018 Appropriations and Impacts for the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service, Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

**TO:** Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

WIC State Agency Directors  
All States

The current continuing resolution for fiscal year 2018 (P.L. 115-96) expired on Friday, January 19th. Due to a lapse in appropriations for the Department of Agriculture's Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) an orderly partial shutdown of operations has resulted.

We understand the uncertainty that these circumstances present for FNS customers and partners nationwide. Effective today, many FNS staff will be furloughed pending reinstatement of funding by Congress, and will not be available by phone or email. They cannot carry out normal work functions until funding is restored.

However, a lapse of appropriations will not impact the availability of the administrative and food funding already allocated to WIC State agencies for the second quarter, which goes through the end of March. WIC State agencies have sufficient funds to continue operations and eligible households should continue to receive benefits.

State agencies are expected to continue to administer the program in accordance with Federal statute and regulations. Please direct any questions regarding the lapse in funding to your Regional Office.

Sincerely,

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cc: Regional Administrators