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Vendor Alert 2025 – 06

TO: All California WIC Authorized Vendors

SUBJECT: WIC FUNDING THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2025

Purpose and Background:

As of October 1, 2025, the federal government has entered a shutdown. The WIC program is funded through federal grants which Congress authorizes each year and is administered by CDPH in California. The California Department of Public Health, Women, Infants, and Children Division (CDPH/WIC) is providing all WIC authorized vendors with information regarding the federal government shutdown and California WIC Card transactions.

Update:

California WIC received additional federal funds from the USDA such that we project to remain fully operational through November 30, assuming no unexpected changes at the federal government level.

Action for Vendors:

- WIC authorized vendors **must** continue to accept the California WIC Card and process WIC transactions as usual.
- WIC families will continue to use their WIC benefits at WIC authorized vendors.
- CDPH/WIC will continue to reimburse WIC authorized vendors for these transactions.

WIC authorized vendors are reminded that by entering into an agreement with the State of California WIC Program, WIC authorized vendors have agreed to participate in the WIC program as well as comply with all terms of the Vendor Agreement. Vendors that

choose not to accept the California WIC Card must notify the California WIC Program of their voluntarily withdrawal from participation in the WIC program. Please send any withdrawal requests by email to WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.

WIC is committed to keeping vendors informed of updates as the situation evolves. Visit the [California WIC Vendor Portal](#) regularly for any updates and announcements.

Questions:

For additional questions you may contact your WIC Vendor Consultant or call toll free (855) WIC-STOR or (855) 942-7867. You may also contact the WIC Vendor Management Branch by email at WICVENDORINFO@cdph.ca.gov.



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