



Partial Government Shutdown Persists

Just before the holiday it looked like a partial government shutdown was going to be averted, but things turned quickly and unfortunately Congress and the president were unable to reach a deal. As you likely know by now, the government has been in partial shutdown since Dec. 22.

While most programs under the auspices of the Department of Health and Human Services are unaffected, the WIC program, which is funded through the Department of Agriculture, is impacted by the shutdown. We would like to share with you this latest update from our colleagues at the National WIC Association:

Updates:

- WIC agencies continue operating as normal and have so far not reported any issues or disturbances to normal operations.
- Agencies are expected to have adequate funding on hand currently to last through the month of January.
- Food and Nutrition Service has communicated to WIC agencies that they plan to undertake measures on January 3 to identify & provide additional funding, including: allocating all remaining carryover funds and preliminary recoveries to State agencies, working with State agencies to make their FY 2018 Nutrition Services and Administration (NSA) spend forward funds available for FY 2019 obligations, and asking State agencies to identify additional unspent FY 2018 funds that may be available for recovery and reallocation as FY 2019 grant funds.

How you can help: Please get the word out that WIC remains open!

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