



## DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

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### IMPORTANT NOTICE

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Dear WIC Vendor,

With media reports swirling about federal funding of WIC and other federal programs we want to give you, our Maryland WIC vendors, an update. If October 1 arrives without a decision by Congress for a continuing resolution or an appropriation, some WIC programs across the country will close. **Fortunately, Maryland WIC has funding available to allow us to remain open for the month of October. This means clinics will be open and participants receiving benefits. Please rest assured WIC families will continue to receive and be able to spend their benefits, at least through the end of October.**

Also, in the news recently has been a debate over the amount of fruit and vegetable benefits that participants receive. Currently, as of October 1, participants will be receiving the new inflation adjusted amount of \$10 for children and \$12 for adults, unless and until Congress decides otherwise.

We will continue to keep you posted as we learn of funding decisions or other operational concerns which may impact vendors. Thanks for all you and your teams do in support of Maryland WIC families and the program, especially during challenging times such as this. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at [mdh.wicvendor@maryland.gov](mailto:mdh.wicvendor@maryland.gov).

Sincerely,

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