



# Guam WIC Vendor Alert

## POSSIBLE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT SHUT-DOWN—OCTOBER 01, 2025

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Congressional leaders are currently engaging in high-stakes negotiations with President Donald Trump and White House Officials in Washington, D.C., as they work to reach a resolution before the September 30 deadline to avoid a federal government shutdown. Lawmakers are debating federal spending bills and temporary funding measures that would keep federal programs operating while longer-term budget decisions are finalized.

These negotiations are particularly critical because the deadline falls just before the start of the new federal fiscal year on October 01. If Congress is unable to agree on a continuing resolution or budget measure, non-essential government programs may be forced to shut down and certainly federally funded programs could experience delays in funding availability.

### What this means for Guam WIC and Vendors?

In past government shutdowns, the WIC Program has generally remained open. However, since this deadline falls immediately before the start of the new federal fiscal year, there is a greater risk of a temporary funding hold.

If a shutdown occurs, Guam WIC will be required to temporarily pause all vendor transactions until funding is restored. During this period, participants will be unable to redeem WIC benefits at authorized vendors.

Guam WIC is committed in working closely with USDA and our federal partners. We ask for your patience and cooperation as these developments unfold. Further guidance will be shared once more details are confirmed and available.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support.

*To minimize any confusion surrounding this matter, please forward any questions, comments, or concerns to the Guam WIC Vendor Management Team.*

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