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## **Vendor News Flash**

### **Government Shutdown-Texas WIC Update**

This notification is a reminder to our vendor community that the Texas WIC Program remains funded to redeem WIC benefits in your store. While federal officials work to end the government shutdown, Texas WIC continues to operate business as usual with no disruption of service to our participants and our vendor community.

Texas WIC continues to monitor the federal situation and Vendor Management and Operations (VMO) will update our vendor community of progress and any potential impacts. It is part of our standard business practice to prepare for all types of situations to ensure funding is available, services continue to our participants and vendors, and update contingency plans as necessary.

In addition, it is important to remind vendors that funding for the WIC Program is independent from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) will notify vendors regarding SNAP payments.

We appreciate your patience through this process. The VMO staff is ready to assist you should you have any questions regarding specifics of this Vendor News Flash. Contact VMO at 1-800-252-9629 or email our staff at [WICVendorRelations@hpsc.state.tx.us](mailto:WICVendorRelations@hpsc.state.tx.us).