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WIC Program is Open and Operational in Orange County

Orange County, NC (October 11, 2013) – The Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Food and Nutrition Services Program is open and operational in Orange County. After being briefly suspended due to the federal shutdown, North Carolina’s Department of Health and Human Services has secured additional funding to continue serving WIC participants at least through the end of October.

“At this point we are working to serve our October participants. This is tremendously great news. We are open and operating as business as usual”, stated Heather Miranda, Director of Health Support Services for [Piedmont Health](#).

First this this morning, WIC began printing food benefits and vouchers and will be mailing them to participants who had been wait listed during the past two days. WIC staff is also calling participants to let them know they can come in for services. If participants have questions about their WIC benefits, they should call (919) 942-8741.

There has been an outpouring of concern from the community. Offers of donated formula have been coming in to assist those affected by the suspension of services. At this time, WIC participants are getting the assistance they need. Additional donations of food and formula are always accepted at local food banks to serve those who do not qualify for assistance from WIC. The [Food Bank of Central and Eastern North Carolina](#) and the [Inter-Faith Food Shuttle](#) both serve the Orange County region and accept donations of food and formula.

Background – The WIC program serves approximately 3,000 people every month in Orange County. Services are offered at the Orange County Health Department in Hillsborough and at Piedmont Health in Carrboro. Piedmont Health is the administering organization for WIC services in Orange and Chatham Counties.

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