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Food Distribution Scheduled Amid Temporary Pause of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Redemptions

Hagåtña, Guam — The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) announces that due to a possible federal government shutdown, **all WIC redemptions will be temporarily paused beginning October 1, 2025.**

The federal budget resolution has not yet been finalized, which will result in a lapse in programming for the Guam Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

During this pause:

- **WIC clinics will remain open** to provide nutrition education and support services.
- **WIC vendors will not be able to process transactions**, and participants will be temporarily unable to redeem benefits until federal funds are released.

To help address the immediate needs of affected WIC families, the DPHSS Division of Homelessness Assistance and Poverty Prevention (DHAPP) will be distributing food commodities at the **Tiyan WIC Clinic**, see distribution schedule below:

Distribution Schedule at the Tiyan WIC Clinic:

Location: 15-6100 Mariner Avenue, Barrigada (Tiyan), Guam 96921

- **Thursday, October 2, 2025**
1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- **Friday, October 3, 2025**
8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

To prevent duplication of the DHAPP services, families already registered with their Village Mayor's Office food commodity distribution should continue to pick up food commodities there. For WIC families who are affected and not signed up through their Mayor's office, this special distribution is available to provide food support during this time.

DPHSS assures participants and vendors that this disruption is temporary and that updates will be provided immediately once funding is restored.

“Although the federal budget process is outside of our control, DPHSS is taking proactive steps to support WIC families,” said Theresa C. Arriola, Director. “We are providing food commodities to enrolled WIC families who are affected, so that mothers and children continue to have access to healthy nutrition during this period of uncertainty.”

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