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DPHSS Announces Resumption of Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Food Benefits

Hagåtña, Guam — The Department of Public Health and Social Services (DPHSS) is pleased to announce that the pause caused by the Federal Government Shutdown, of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) food benefits has been lifted.

Effective **Friday, October 3, 2025, at 12:00 noon**, WIC clients may begin redeeming their **October food benefits** at all authorized WIC vendors across the island.

The Administration stepped in and identified local dollars paying for October benefits to ensure women and children don't go hungry and would be reimbursed by WIC when federal shutdown is lifted. Fronting of Local dollars will be determined month to month in the hopes that federal shutdown ends before November 2025.

DPHSS appreciates the understanding and cooperation of WIC clients during this period and reaffirms its commitment to ensuring that WIC participants continue to have access to nutritious foods and essential services.

For additional information or questions regarding WIC benefits, please contact the DPHSS WIC Program at (671) 475-0300 or email michael.gallo@dphss.guam.gov.

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