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MCHD WIC PROGRAM REMAINS OPEN DESPITE PARTIAL FEDERAL SHUTDOWN

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It’s business as usual for the federally-funded Monongalia County Health Department’s Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) program. There will be no disruption of services due to the partial shutdown of the federal government.

“The WIC program is open for business,” said program manager Anne MacBride, M.S., R.D., L.D. “There is no affect at this point on WIC program operations because of the federal shutdown. Clients should keep their appointment and continue to spend their benefits.”

Clients have appointments in the office of the county where they live. The six counties served by Monongalia County Health Department’s WIC program include Monongalia, Marion, Harrison, Preston, Taylor and Doddridge counties.

“Clients might have a clinic appointment, or they may be doing an online lesson and contacting our office and we would be issuing benefits,” MacBride added.

WIC provides nutrition, health education, a food package and other services, free of charge, to pregnant women, mothers, infants and children up to the age of 5 who qualify. WIC teaches moms what to eat while pregnant or breastfeeding and what to feed their growing children.

Call WIC to make an appointment or with any questions. Numbers for the regional offices are: Monongalia, 304-598-5181; Preston, 304-329-1957; Marion, 304-366-2387; Harrison, 304-623-1147; Taylor, 304-265-2890; and Doddridge, 304-873-1173. More information is also available online at monchd.org/wic.html. This institution is an equal opportunity provider.