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Good Afternoon WIC Directors,

In the event of a federal government shutdown, the California WIC Program will remain open to serve WIC families. The California WIC Program has sufficient funds to provide services and benefits to participants through early February, 2019.

CDPH/WIC has notified authorized vendors that they must continue to accept WIC checks. Please notify your Nutrition Consultant if participants are unable to use their WIC checks, and we can be of assistance in providing additional education to any vendor in need.

Please share this information with your staff and WIC families. We know despite our efforts to get the word out that WIC will remain open, people might hear otherwise. Should there be changes, WIC local agencies will be notified, and we will keep you posted as we hear more.

Sincerely,

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