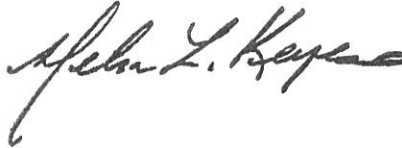


MEMORANDUM

ACTION MEMO #15-13

TO: District Health Directors
District Nutrition Services Directors

FROM: Debra L. Keyes, MA, RD
Director
Georgia WIC Program



DATE: September 30, 2015

RE: Potential Government Shutdown

As many of you may be aware, in order for the federal government to remain fully operational Congress must pass a new appropriations bill or continuing resolution by September 30, 2015, the end of the fiscal year. If Congress fails to approve new spending bills, the federal government will shut down. We want to assure you that we are working on a contingency plan for the Georgia WIC Program, in the event a shutdown does occur.

According to the National WIC Association (NWA) and major media outlets, the leaders in Washington D.C. do not want to see another government closure. However, Georgia WIC will be ready and prepared in the event one does take place. We are working with the United States Department of Agriculture/Food Nutrition Services, as well as the Department of Public Health Executive Leadership, on guidance for procedures during a prolonged shutdown. In the event this happens we have no doubt Georgia will manage the situation successfully, as we did in 2013.

Action:

1. In the meantime, please reassure any concerned staff, participants, media, callers and business partners that Georgia WIC is open for business, as usual.
2. Please encourage any individuals with questions or concerns to contact the State WIC Office.
3. Please also let us know if you hear any misinformation regarding a shutdown so we can address it.

We will operate as normal unless we receive word a shutdown will actually occur. In that case, the State WIC Office will issue guidance, as needed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 404-657-3140 or via email Debra.Keyes@dph.ga.gov, thank you.

c: Yvette Daniels, JD - Division Director, Health Promotions
District Program Managers
District Administrators
WIC Staff

