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Health Department Announces Pleasant Hills Store Added to WIC Program

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) announced a new store located in Pleasant Hills has been approved as an authorized location for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and has begun accepting WIC checks.

The store, which held its grand opening yesterday, is the SHOP 'n Save located at 649 Old Clairton Road in Pleasant Hills.

There are more than 100 WIC-authorized stores in Allegheny County. Locations and directions to the stores can be found on the Health Department's website at www.achd.net/wic.

WIC is a federally funded program for pregnant or breastfeeding women, postpartum mothers, infants and children under the age of 5. Program eligibility is based on income and nutritional risk.

The 2016 -17 income limits for eligibility start with an annual gross income of \$21,978 for a family of one; \$29,637 for two; \$37,296 for three; \$44,955 for four; and \$52,614 for five. Unborn children are counted when the woman is pregnant. Allegheny County residents with family sizes larger than five, should contact the Health Department directly for benefit information.

WIC families receive nutrition information, breastfeeding support, referrals and food vouchers redeemable at participating grocery stores for infant formula; infant cereal; milk; eggs; cheese; juice; cereal; peanut butter; whole grains, including bread, tortillas, oatmeal and rice; soy beverage; tofu; jarred baby foods; dry or canned beans; canned tuna/sardines/pink salmon; and fresh/frozen/canned fruits and vegetables. Certain whole wheat pastas and yogurts have also been added to the food list.

For information about WIC and how to apply for benefits, please call the Allegheny County Health Department WIC Program at **412-350-5801**. If this number is a toll call or you live outside Allegheny County, please call the statewide toll-free number, **1-800-WIC-WINS**, or visit www.pawic.com.

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