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Health Department Announces Two WIC Authorized Grocery Stores

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today announced that two additional grocery stores have been authorized to participate in United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). The added stores are Shop 'n Save, 184 Rochester Road, Ross, and Target in South Hills Village, Bethel Park.

The grocery stores are among more than 100 throughout the County that participate in the WIC program and collectively redeem about \$13 million in food vouchers a year. Locations and directions to the stores can be found on the Health Department's web site at www.achd.net/wic.

WIC is a federally funded program for pregnant women, postpartum and breastfeeding mothers and children under the age of five. Eligibility is based on income and nutritional risk.

The income limits are an annual gross income of \$21,257 for a family of one; \$28,694 for 2; \$36,131 for 3; \$43,568 for 4; \$51,005 for 5; \$58,442 for 6; \$65,879 for 7; and \$73,316 for 8. Add \$7,437 for each additional member beyond 8. Unborn children are counted when the woman is pregnant.

WIC families receive nutrition counseling, breastfeeding support 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.

Additional vouchers are available during the summer to purchase fresh Pennsylvania-grown produce at participating Farmers' Markets and Farm Stands.

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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