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Health Department Announces WIC Grocery Store Changes

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department today announced that the Shop N Save supermarket at 3239 Washington Pike, South Fayette, is now Giant Eagle and continues to accept food vouchers for the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program.

Two other grocery stores no longer accept WIC vouchers, Shop N Save in Kenmawr Plaza, McKees Rocks, which has closed, and New Eagle Mart in Mt. Oliver, which no longer participates in the program.

More than 100 grocery stores throughout the County participate in the WIC program. 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 \$21,590 for a family of one; \$29,101 for 2; \$36,612 for 3; \$44,123 for 4; \$51,634 for 5; \$59,145 for 6; \$66,656 for 7; and \$74,167 for 8. Add \$7,511 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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