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One Store Added And Two Stores Removed From WIC Program

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) today announced that one store has joined the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) in Allegheny County and two stores have been removed due to closings.

The Target store in Harmarville, located at 2661 Freeport Road, is now a full-service grocery store accepting WIC food vouchers. The Target stores located in Homestead, Monroeville, East Liberty, South Hills Village, and North Fayette have already joined the WIC program.

The two stores removed from the WIC program are the Community Market Fox Chapel and Shop ‘n Save in Glassport. Both stores are now closed.

There are more than 100 WIC-authorized grocery stores in the County. 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, infants, and children under the age of five. Eligibility is based on income and nutritional risk.

The 2015-16 income limits for eligibility start with an annual gross income of \$21,775 for a family of one; \$29,471 for 2; \$37,167 for 3; \$44,863 for 4; and \$52,559 for 5. Unborn children are counted when the woman is pregnant. Allegheny County residents with family sizes larger than 5, should contact the Health Department directly for benefits information.

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. Effective October 1, 2015, certain whole wheat pastas and yogurts have been added to the WIC 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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