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Health Department Announces Two New Stores Added to WIC Program

PITTSBURGH – The Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) today announced two new markets have been approved as authorized stores of the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food and Nutrition Program and have begun accepting WIC checks.

The two markets are 5 Generations Bakers Fresh Food Market, the former Bottom Dollar Store location at 1100 Chartiers Avenue in McKees Rocks, and SHOP 'n Save Gibsonia at 5375 William Flynn Highway in Richland. The SHOP 'n Save in Gibsonia was granted the new WIC authorization due to a change in ownership. It is the only WIC authorized store in Gibsonia.

There are more than 100 WIC-authorized grocery 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 women, postpartum and breastfeeding mothers and children under the age of five. 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 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 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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