



HEALTHY MOTHERS, HEALTHY BABIES
Coalition of Georgia

HMHB Legislative Alert
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Urgent Action Needed Today

WIC, the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children, is in serious jeopardy. Without 6 billion in funding, WIC will have to cut over 560,000 moms and young children from the program nationally. The National Association of WIC Directors' projects that 19,200 women and children will be cut from Georgia's program under the President's proposed budget.

For more than a decade, Congress and succeeding administrations have honored a longstanding bipartisan commitment to provide enough WIC funds to serve all eligible mothers and children who apply. This year there has not been such a commitment and WIC needs 6 billion in funding to maintain current caseloads.

Growing caseloads and particularly soaring food prices have created the need for the increase funding.

WIC funding is included in the Omnibus Appropriations bill that is scheduled to come to a vote **tomorrow** on Tuesday, December 18. Please call or e-mail * your representative and Georgia's two senator's **today**. Ask them to ensure that 6 billion dollars are provided so 560,000 moms and children will not lose benefits. **Remind them that 19,200 of these children are Georgia's children.**

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