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To: Local News Media
From: Kelly Conley, Personal Health Director, WIC Coordinator
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RE: Women Infants and Children (WIC) Supplemental Food Program
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The Central Michigan District Health Department’s Women, Infant and Children’s (WIC) Program will remain in operation at the current time. This federally funded program which is administered through the Michigan Department of Community Health could potentially be affected by the government shutdown that went into place October 1, 2013. However, mothers, babies and children up to age 5 who are enrolled in the program will continue to receive both food and nutrition education services through our 7 local offices.

Stan Bien, the Michigan Department of Community Health WIC Director has stated that “Michigan WIC should be able to sustain administrative and food costs for the state for at least four to five weeks.” In response to calls from many concerned WIC participants, and their families, CMDHD wants to assure our clients that we are maintaining our clinics as normal. Kelly Conley, CMDHD WIC Coordinator says, “We are still serving all of our WIC clients, including new clients. All of the vendors in our 6 counties are still able to accept WIC EBT (Bridge) cards for food purchases until further notice.” For more information and future updates, please continue to check the state’s WIC website at www.michigan.gov/wic.

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