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*Bureau of Nutrition and Health Promotion*

## *Friday Facts*

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### ***Policy***

#### **From the WIC Services Policy and Procedure Manual —**

#### **300.55 WIC Clinic Access Survey**

*Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requires that all public entities that employ more than 50 people take several steps to insure full participation of individuals with disabilities in its programs, activities, and services. A component of this requirement includes the assessment of physical barriers.*

*The WIC clinic access survey is a tool for local WIC agencies to use to review all new and renovated clinic sites to determine compliance with Title II. Reviews must be completed before the site is used as a clinic, and written evaluations must be retained in the agency files.*

#### **Determining Income Eligibility for State and Federal Employees Affected by Furloughs, Shutdowns or Layoffs**

*USDA recently forwarded policy guidance about determining WIC eligibility for state and federal employees who experience a temporary decrease in earnings due to furlough, who have their pay deferred because of a budget impasse or temporary agency shutdown without pay, or who are permanently laid off. These applicants should be assessed for income eligibility using the same policies and procedures used to assess other applicants experiencing a temporary or permanent loss of income. Please refer to Policy 215.40 for more information about determining income for households with irregular income or unemployed adults.*

### ***Information***

#### **General Mills Foundation Champions Grants**

*Champions for Healthy Kids is encouraging WIC clinics to submit applications for nutrition and physical activity program grants. The General Mills Foundation, in partnership with the American Dietetic Association Foundation and the President's Council on Physical Fitness, developed the Champions for Healthy Kids grant program in 2002. Each year since its inception, the General Mills Foundation awards 50 grants of \$10,000 each to community-based groups that develop creative ways to help youth adopt a balanced diet and physically active lifestyle. General Mills has invested over \$18*

*million dollars and reached more than 3.5 million youth across the country to improve their nutrition and fitness behaviors.*

*The online application process is available now; the deadline for applying is January 15, 2010. Award recipients will be announced May 2010. Please visit their Web site to learn more about the Champions for Healthy Kids program and to apply online:*

*<http://www.generalmills.com/corporate/commitment/champions.aspx>. If you have questions after reviewing the grant application form and background resources, you may contact Beth Labrador, at the American Dietetic Association, by phone at 1-800-877-1600 ext. 4821 or by email at [blabrador@eatright.org](mailto:blabrador@eatright.org).*