

WIC DIVISION

WIC Division Accreditation Pause for Cycle 4

The WIC Division would like to announce a “pause” from participation in the Accreditation process starting with Cycle 4 in Spring of 2009. All Cycle 3 agency assessments and their follow up will be completed as previously scheduled. WIC will continue to perform biennial Management Evaluations and follow up, as required by USDA. The Management Evaluations will be based on policy that is in place at the time of the review.

The pause is necessary to allow implementation of WIC Electronic Benefits Transfer -EBT (through start of 2009) and the new WIC data system (MI-WIC). MI-WIC will be piloted starting mid-2008 and rolled out statewide through mid 2009. New policies and procedures will be necessary for EBT & MI-WIC and provided to local agency staff during training.

The WIC Division plans to resume Accreditation participation at the start of Cycle 5. The Division plans to work with local agency WIC and Administration staff to revise the WIC Accreditation evaluation process to incorporate/reflect the MI-WIC environment. Please contact Diane Revitte, Nutrition and Program Evaluation Section Chief at 517-335-8924 if you have any questions.