



Memorandum

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TO: Regional Medical Directors for
Health Service Regions 4/5, 6 & 5 South, 9/10 and 11
WIC Local Agency Directors

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DATE: October 13, 2009

SUBJECT: The State of Texas WIC Program Disaster Plan is now available

The State of Texas WIC Program Disaster Plan is now available on-line on the State WIC website at <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/gi/administrative.shtm>. The plan contains procedures that are to be followed in the event of a disaster. Please print this plan and make it available for local agency (LA) staff so that the plan is accessible in a disaster situation.

Please note that in addition to procedures during a disaster, the plan contains annual preparedness requirements for LAs, including creating an LA disaster plan, point of contact list and annual disaster trainings.

The State Agency (SA) is exploring a statewide solution for emergency power after a disaster. This solution may not require LAs to purchase generators. Please do not purchase WIC only generators at this time. However, if a parent agency wishes to purchase a building generator for WIC and other programs, WIC may pay for a proportionate share of the cost. Please refer to *WIC Policy AC: 8.0, Equipment*, for the proper procedures. The SA will have an emergency power plan by June 1, 2010.

The SA will create a disaster policy to detail LA annual requirements and protocol for implementing disaster procedures.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding the disaster plan, please contact Ellen Larkin, Local Agency Operations Coordinator, at (512) 341- 4572 or ellen.larkin@dshs.state.tx.us.

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