



State of Wisconsin
2025 - 2026 LEGISLATURE

LRB-5098/1

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2025 BILL

1 **AN ACT** *to repeal* 20.435 (1) (en); *to create* 20.435 (1) (en) of the statutes;
2 **relating to:** funding for the supplemental food program for women, infants
3 and children during the federal government shutdown and making an
4 appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Health Services provides benefits to eligible low-income individuals under the supplemental food program for women, infants and children, also known as the WIC program, to the extent that state and federal funds are available. This bill provides additional state funding to DHS during the federal lapse in appropriations, commonly known as a federal government shutdown, that began on October 1, 2025, to continue to provide WIC benefits at the level the benefits were provided before the federal government shutdown.

For further information see the state fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

BILL**SECTION 1**

SECTION 1. 20.435 (1) (en) of the statutes is created to read:

20.435 (1) (en) *WIC program benefits; federal appropriation lapse.* A sum sufficient for benefits under s. 253.06 as required under 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), section 3 (1).

SECTION 2. 20.435 (1) (en) of the statutes, as created by 2025 Wisconsin Act (this act), is repealed.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions.

(1) Until the enactment of federal legislation that provides funding under 24 USC 1786, the department of health services shall, notwithstanding s. 253.06 (2), continue to provide benefits to participants in the supplemental food program for women, infants and children under s. 253.06 at the level the department provided the benefits immediately prior to the federal lapse in appropriations that began on October 1, 2025.

SECTION 4. Effective dates. This act takes effect on the day after publication, except as follows:

(1) The repeal of s. 20.435 (1) (en) takes effect on October 1, 2026.

(END)