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TO: All WIC Project Subrecipient Agency Directors

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FROM: Corey J. Shepherd, Director, Ohio WIC Program

SUBJECT: Voter Registration Update

Local WIC projects now have the ability to provide the *Voter Registration Form* and the *Designated Voter Registration Agency Notice of Rights* form electronically. Local WIC project staff are responsible for providing each program applicant, both initially and at recertification, an opportunity to register or decline to register to vote. This opportunity is provided by at least one of the following:

- giving the applicant a *Voter Registration Form* and a *Designated Voter Registration Agency Notice of Rights* form, or
- posting the link https://ohio.gov/government/resources/register-to-vote-or-update-your-registration or a QR code directing to the website above, in the clinic near where intake information is obtained. Staff must point out to applicants/participants that the link/QR code is available for voter registration.

A local WIC project may also choose to provide the link via text message or email, if preferred by the participant. Staff must document in the comment section if the information was provided in this manner. Clinics must always have the paper forms available for distribution.

Please reference Attachment 1 for a flier to print and hang at your clinic near where intake information is obtained. This update will be reflected in Policy and Procedure Letter 190.

Please contact Breanne. Haviland@odh.ohio.gov with any questions.

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cc: All WIC Project Directors

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