

## HR 6298

COVID-19 WIC Response Act of 2020

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**Chamber:** House

**Policy Area:** Health

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### Sponsor

**Name:** Rep. Thompson, Glenn [R-PA-15]

**Party:** Republican • **State:** PA • **Chamber:** House

### Cosponsors (1 total)

Cosponsor	Party / State	Role	Date Joined
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### Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Education and Workforce Committee	House	Referred To	Mar 19, 2020

### Subjects & Policy Tags

#### Policy Area:

Health

### Related Bills

Bill	Relationship	Last Action
116 HR 6201	Related bill	Mar 19, 2020: Engrossment Correction

## **COVID-19 WIC Response Act of 2020**

This bill modifies food and nutrition programs of the Department of Agriculture (USDA) to allow certain waivers and deferments of requirements under the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) during public health emergencies, such as the COVID-19 (i.e., coronavirus disease 2019) outbreak.

Specifically, USDA may

- grant waivers allowing participants under WIC to get certified or recertified without being physically present at a WIC clinic;
- defer anthropometric and bloodwork requirements necessary to determine nutritional risk; and
- grant waivers from administrative requirements for WIC if it determines that the requirement cannot be met by a state due to COVID-19, and the waiver is necessary to provide assistance under WIC.

USDA authority under this bill expires on July 31, 2020.

## **Actions Timeline**

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- **Mar 19, 2020:** Introduced in House
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