

**EXECUTIVE REORGANIZATION ORDER (EXCERPT)**  
**E.R.O. No. 1996-4**

**400.223 Transfer of powers and duties of the special supplemental food program for women, infants and children (WIC) and related management support functions to community public health agency by type II transfer; rescission of section VII of E.R.O. No. 1996-1.**

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 1, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 vests the executive power in the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 empowers the Governor to make changes in the organization of the Executive Branch or in the assignment of functions among its units which he considers necessary for efficient administration; and

WHEREAS, Article V, Section 8, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 provides that each principal department shall be under the supervision of the Governor, unless otherwise provided by the Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Section VII of Executive Order 1996-1 transferred all the authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC program) from the Department of Public Health to the Director of the Department of Social Services (now Family Independence Agency), as were all the authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the management support functions in the Bureau of Finance and Administrative Services and the Office of Management Support Services for the WIC program; and

WHEREAS, the United States Secretary of Agriculture has notified the state that the federal government has determined that the WIC program can only be administered by a state's public health department.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Engler, Governor of the State of Michigan, pursuant to the powers vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963 and the laws of the State of Michigan, do hereby order the following:

1. Section VII of Executive Order 1996-1 is hereby rescinded in its entirety.

2. All the authority, powers, duties, functions and responsibilities of the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC program) and of the management support functions for the WIC program in the Bureau of Finance and Administrative Services and the Office of Management Support Services, are hereby transferred to the Community Public Health Agency by a Type II transfer as defined by Section 3 of Act No. 380 of the Public Acts of 1965, as amended, being Section 16.103 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

In fulfillment of the requirement of Article V, Section 2, of the Constitution of the State of Michigan of 1963, the provisions of this Executive Order shall become effective 60 days from the filing of this order.

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