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## **County Executive Ryan McMahon & Health Commissioner Dr. Indu Gupta Open WIC Office in Syracuse's Near Westside Neighborhood**

*Location is in former Nojaim Brother's Supermarket*

**SYRACUSE, N.Y.** – County Executive J. Ryan McMahon, II and Health Commissioner Dr. Indu Gupta announced today the grand opening of a relocated WIC office and clinic in the former Nojaim Brother's Supermarket at 307 Gifford Street in Syracuse's Near Westside Neighborhood. The new WIC clinic, which replaces the former location on W. Onondaga Street, ensures a prominent presence in the Near Westside neighborhood of Syracuse.

County Executive McMahon said, "In our continuing effort to address the unacceptable levels of poverty in our community, this new WIC office is a perfect example of how important it is that we bring the resources and services people need directly to them." McMahon continued, "With this new, modern and accessible location, the residents will be able to better access these important services. Thank you to the NYS Department of Health for continuing to support the crucial services provided by WIC."

Dr. Gupta said, "WIC improves the health of women, infants, and children in our community who are at risk nutritionally. Not only do participants eat healthier, but women who participate in WIC receive prenatal care earlier and have healthier pregnancies, and children have improved growth rates, immunization status, intellectual development, and school readiness." Gupta continued "WIC is one of the most successful Federally-funded nutrition programs in the United States."

WIC is a program of the New York State Department of Health funded by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Onondaga County Health Department administers WIC under contract with the New York State Department of Health.

Dr. Howard Zucker, Commissioner of NYS Department of Health, stated that, "The New York State Department of Health is excited to provide WIC services at the Onondaga County Health Department's new location at 307 Gifford Street in Syracuse. Onondaga County serves more than 9,000 WIC participants and this new location offers a more convenient and service friendly environment. We look

forward to a continued partnership with Onondaga County as we improve the nutrition and health of WIC families.”

This newest WIC clinic at 307 Gifford Street serves the residents of our community Monday through Friday throughout the year. WIC clinics are also held at various locations throughout Onondaga County. WIC is available for women who are pregnant or breastfeeding and children under the age of five who meet income requirements. It’s easy to apply and many working families qualify. WIC provides eWIC cards (EBT) every month to buy healthy WIC foods and provides ideas on preparing healthy meals for families. WIC can also connect families with other health care they may need. Learn more about the Onondaga County WIC programs at [www.ongov.net/health/WIC.html](http://www.ongov.net/health/WIC.html) or call (315) 435-3304.

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