



The Nutrition Continuity for Military Families Act of 2026

S.###, the *Nutrition Continuity for Military Families Act of 2026*, introduced by U.S. Senator Martin Heinrich seeks to ensure military families are notified of their potential eligibility and do not lose access to crucial supplemental nutritional benefits through the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program when conducting a mandated Permanent Change of Station (PCS).

Specifically, the *Nutrition Continuity for Military Families Act of 2026* will:

- Require Department of Defense (DoD) notification to potentially WIC eligible families when they receive PCS orders;
- Issue a Verification of Certification card to a covered member of the armed forces at the time of certification or recertification;
- Ensure that WIC benefits remain certified throughout the PCS timeframe; and
- Ensure each military installation is staffed at least three days per week by knowledgeable personnel to provide information to service members.

Background

Military service members, especially young enlisted members and their families, make tremendous sacrifices while serving our country, but many face food insecurity that is further compounded during military moves. When conducting a mandated move, service members encounter tremendous stress throughout the relocation process as they pack up one house, search for another, and eventually establish a new home weeks or even many months later. Notification of potential eligibility and certification of benefits throughout a military move are critical to protecting service members and their young families.

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