The Reconciliation Bill will administer cuts in Medicaid, SNAP, and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) which will have a ripple effect for cutting eligibility rates for women applying for WIC. These social programs currently incur adjunctive eligibility for women who meet WIC qualifications which deletes the need to verify income again. The new bill will require individual income certification for each program separately, especially when losing other federal program eligibility. This will require more time invested in filling out endless forms and additional staff administrative work for approving or disproving applicants. The result will be less families being enrolled in WIC who are eligible or major delays in receiving benefits.

Approval of the MODERN WIC Act is essential to continue permitting applicants to be certified by phone or video appointments. This will limit unnecessary applicant travel, long waits for in-house appointments, and staff administrative time commitments. To save time the administrative staff can check whether the applicant was adjunctively eligible previously, review documents for information that promoted eligibility for SNAP or Medicaid before applicant interview and permit electronic documentation. To combat the delay of urgently needed benefits, the staff member can grant a temporary 30-day certification period while determining eligibility if applicant can confirm identity, residence, and income.

The bill denotes many obstacles, but the goal is to provide WIC for as many low-income individuals as possible without upending delays.