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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):

2020/2021 Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (“Department”) announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: Implementation date July 1, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Olson, Chief, Policy Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 1320 Braddock Place, Alexandria, Virginia 22314, (703) 605-4013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866:

This notice is exempt from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act:

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995:

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372:

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557, and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29100, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

Description:

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income-eligible for the WIC Program if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced-price school meals under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced-price school meals is 185 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines, as adjusted.

Section 9(b) also requires that these guidelines be revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The annual revision for 2020 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 85 FR 3060, January 17, 2020. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the “poverty guidelines.”

Program Regulations at 7 CFR 246.7(d)(1) specify that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under Section 9 of the Richard B. Russell

National School Lunch Act for reduced-price school meals, or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced-price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced-price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced-price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time, the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period of July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid Program established under Title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, i.e., earlier in the year, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 2020. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on or before July 1, 2020.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
1	\$12,760	\$1,064	\$532	\$491	\$246	\$23,606	\$1,968	\$984	\$908	\$454
2	17,240	1,437	719	664	332	31,894	2,658	1,329	1,227	614
3	21,720	1,810	905	836	418	40,182	3,349	1,675	1,546	773
4	26,200	2,184	1,092	1,008	504	48,470	4,040	2,020	1,865	933
5	30,680	2,557	1,279	1,180	590	56,758	4,730	2,365	2,183	1,092
6	35,160	2,930	1,465	1,353	677	65,046	5,421	2,711	2,502	1,251
7	39,640	3,304	1,652	1,525	763	73,334	6,112	3,056	2,821	1,411
8	44,120	3,677	1,839	1,697	849	81,622	6,802	3,401	3,140	1,570
Each add'l fam mem add	+ \$4,480	+ \$374	+ \$187	+ \$173	+ \$87	+ \$8,288	+ \$691	+ \$346	+ \$319	+ \$160
Alaska										
1	\$15,950	\$1,330	\$665	\$614	\$307	\$29,508	\$2,459	\$1,230	\$1,135	\$568
2	21,550	1,796	898	829	415	39,868	3,323	1,662	1,534	767
3	27,150	2,263	1,132	1,045	523	50,228	4,186	2,093	1,932	966
4	32,750	2,730	1,365	1,260	630	60,588	5,049	2,525	2,331	1,166
5	38,350	3,196	1,598	1,475	738	70,948	5,913	2,957	2,729	1,365
5	43,950	3,663	1,832	1,691	846	81,308	6,776	3,388	3,128	1,564
7	49,550	4,130	2,065	1,906	953	91,668	7,639	3,820	3,526	1,763
8	55,150	4,596	2,298	2,122	1,061	102,028	8,503	4,252	3,925	1,963
Each add'l fam mem add	+ \$5,600	+ \$467	+ \$234	+ \$216	+ \$108	+ \$10,360	+ \$864	+ \$432	+ \$399	+ \$200
Hawaii										
1	\$14,680	\$1,224	\$612	\$565	\$283	\$27,158	\$2,264	\$1,132	\$1,045	\$523
2	19,830	1,653	827	763	382	36,686	3,058	1,529	1,411	706
3	24,980	2,082	1,041	961	481	46,213	3,852	1,926	1,778	889
4	30,130	2,511	1,256	1,159	580	55,741	4,646	2,323	2,144	1,072
5	35,280	2,940	1,470	1,357	679	65,268	5,439	2,720	2,511	1,256
6	40,430	3,370	1,685	1,555	778	74,796	6,233	3,117	2,877	1,439
7	45,580	3,799	1,900	1,754	877	84,323	7,027	3,514	3,244	1,622
8	50,730	4,228	2,114	1,952	976	93,851	7,821	3,911	3,610	1,805
Each add'l fam mem add	+ \$5,150	+ \$430	+ \$215	+ \$199	+ \$100	+ \$9,528	+ \$794	+ \$397	+ \$367	+ \$184

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	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories										
9	\$48,600	\$4,050	\$2,025	\$1,870	\$935	\$89,910	\$7,493	\$3,747	\$3,459	\$1,730
10	53,080	4,424	2,212	2,042	1,021	98,198	8,184	4,092	3,777	1,889
11	57,560	4,797	2,399	2,214	1,107	106,486	8,874	4,437	4,096	2,048
12	62,040	5,170	2,585	2,387	1,194	114,774	9,565	4,783	4,415	2,208
13	66,520	5,544	2,772	2,559	1,280	123,062	10,256	5,128	4,734	2,367
14	71,000	5,917	2,959	2,731	1,366	131,350	10,946	5,473	5,052	2,526
15	75,480	6,290	3,145	2,904	1,452	139,638	11,637	5,819	5,371	2,686
16	79,960	6,664	3,332	3,076	1,538	147,926	12,328	6,164	5,690	2,845
Each add'l fam member add	+ \$4,480	+ \$374	+ \$187	+ \$173	+ \$87	+ \$8,288	+ \$691	+ \$346	+ \$319	+ \$160
Alaska										
9	\$60,750	\$5,063	\$2,532	\$2,337	\$1,169	\$112,388	\$9,366	\$4,683	\$4,323	\$2,162
10	66,350	5,530	2,765	2,552	1,276	122,748	10,229	5,115	4,722	2,361
11	71,950	5,996	2,998	2,768	1,384	133,108	11,093	5,547	5,120	2,560
12	77,550	6,463	3,232	2,983	1,492	143,468	11,956	5,978	5,518	2,759
13	83,150	6,930	3,465	3,199	1,600	153,828	12,819	6,410	5,917	2,959
14	88,750	7,396	3,698	3,414	1,707	164,188	13,683	6,842	6,315	3,158
15	94,350	7,863	3,932	3,629	1,815	174,548	14,546	7,273	6,714	3,357
16	99,950	8,330	4,165	3,845	1,923	184,908	15,409	7,705	7,112	3,556
Each add'l fam member add	+ \$5,600	+ \$467	+ \$234	+ \$216	+ \$108	+ \$10,360	+ \$864	+ \$432	+ \$399	+ \$200
Hawaii										
9	\$55,880	\$4,657	\$2,329	\$2,150	\$1,075	\$103,378	\$8,615	\$4,308	\$3,977	\$1,989
10	61,030	5,086	2,543	2,348	1,174	112,906	9,409	4,705	4,343	2,172
11	66,180	5,515	2,758	2,546	1,273	122,433	10,203	5,102	4,709	2,355
12	71,330	5,945	2,973	2,744	1,372	131,961	10,997	5,499	5,076	2,538
13	76,480	6,374	3,187	2,942	1,471	141,488	11,791	5,896	5,442	2,721
14	81,630	6,803	3,402	3,140	1,570	151,016	12,585	6,293	5,809	2,905
15	86,780	7,232	3,616	3,338	1,669	160,543	13,379	6,690	6,175	3,088
16	91,930	7,661	3,831	3,536	1,768	170,071	14,173	7,087	6,542	3,271
Each add'l fam member add	+ \$5,150	+ \$430	+ \$215	+ \$199	+ \$100	+ \$9,528	+ \$794	+ \$397	+ \$367	+ \$184

The table of this Notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia, and all United States Territories, including Guam. Separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States.

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