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SUBJECT: WIC Policy Memorandum: #2020-4
Publication of the 2020-2021 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Income Eligibility Guidelines

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs

WIC State Agency Directors
All State Agencies

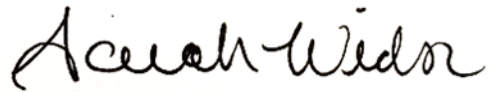
This policy memorandum transmits the 2020-2021 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that were published in the Federal Register on May 26, 2020, at 85 FR 31433.

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)), requires the establishment of income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. Income eligibility for the WIC program is determined using income standards as prescribed under section 9(b) of the Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). The income limit 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, on January 17, 2020. In accordance with the established income guidance, the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC regulations at 7 CFR 246.7(d).

WIC state agencies may implement the revised IEGs concurrently with the implementation of IEGs under the Medicaid Program. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the Medicaid program must implement the revised WIC IEGs no later than July 1, 2020.

WIC state agencies must ensure that Management Information Systems incorporate the 2020-2021 changes accordingly.

A supplemental chart is attached for state agencies to use in determining the annual, monthly, twice-monthly, biweekly and weekly income limits. There is also a chart for families greater than eight.

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INCOME ELIBILITY 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 family member 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
6	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 family member 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 family member add	+ \$5,150	+ \$430	+ \$215	+ \$199	+ \$100	+ \$9,528	+ \$794	+ \$397	+ \$367	+ \$184

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Income Eligibility Guidelines
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Household Size Larger Than 8

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										
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 family 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 family 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 family member add	+ \$5,150	+ \$430	+ \$215	+ \$199	+ \$100	+ \$9,528	+ \$794	+ \$397	+ \$367	+ \$184

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