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SUBJECT: WIC Final Policy Memorandum: #2016-3
Publication of the 2016-2017 WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs

WIC State Agency Directors
All Regions

This policy memorandum transmits the 2016-2017 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that were published in the Federal Register on March 18, 2016, at [81 FR 14826].

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 revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the revised WIC IEGs no later than July 1, 2016.

WIC State agencies should note that the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the agency responsible for the calculation of the poverty guidelines, has set the 2016-2017 poverty guidelines for family sizes greater than six at the 2015 level. Because the HHS poverty guidelines are used to calculate the WIC IEGs, the same adjustment has occurred for WIC.

WIC State agencies must ensure implementation of the appropriate levels as reflected in the attached chart. WIC State agencies must also ensure that Management Information Systems incorporate the 2016-2017 changes accordingly.

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

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Widor".

For

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)

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.....	\$11,880	\$990	\$495	\$457	\$229	\$21,978	\$1,832	\$916	\$846	\$423
2.....	16,020	1,335	668	617	309	29,637	2,470	1,235	1,140	570
3.....	20,160	1,680	840	776	388	37,296	3,108	1,554	1,435	718
4.....	24,300	2,025	1,013	935	468	44,955	3,747	1,874	1,730	865
5.....	28,440	2,370	1,185	1,094	547	52,614	4,385	2,193	2,024	1,012
6.....	32,580	2,715	1,358	1,254	627	60,273	5,023	2,512	2,319	1,160
7.....	36,730	3,061	1,531	1,413	707	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8.....	40,890	3,408	1,704	1,573	787	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,160	+ \$347	+ \$174	+ \$160	+ \$80	+ \$7,696	+ \$642	+ \$321	+ \$296	+ \$148
Alaska										
1.....	\$14,840	\$1,237	\$619	\$571	\$286	\$27,454	\$2,288	\$1,144	\$1,056	\$528
2.....	20,020	1,669	835	770	385	37,037	3,087	1,544	1,425	713
3.....	25,200	2,100	1,050	970	485	46,620	3,885	1,943	1,794	897
4.....	30,380	2,532	1,266	1,169	585	56,203	4,684	2,342	2,162	1,081
5.....	35,560	2,964	1,482	1,368	684	65,786	5,483	2,742	2,531	1,266
6.....	40,740	3,395	1,698	1,567	784	75,369	6,281	3,141	2,899	1,450
7.....	45,920	3,827	1,914	1,767	884	84,952	7,080	3,540	3,268	1,634
8.....	51,120	4,260	2,130	1,967	984	94,572	7,881	3,941	3,638	1,819
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,200	+ \$434	+ \$217	+ \$200	+ \$100	+ \$9,620	+ \$802	+ \$401	+ \$370	+ \$185
Hawaii										
1.....	\$13,670	\$1,140	\$570	\$526	\$263	\$25,290	\$2,108	\$1,054	\$973	\$487
2.....	18,430	1,536	768	709	355	34,096	2,842	1,421	1,312	656
3.....	23,190	1,933	967	892	446	42,902	3,576	1,788	1,651	826
4.....	27,950	2,330	1,165	1,075	538	51,708	4,309	2,155	1,989	995
5.....	32,710	2,726	1,363	1,259	630	60,514	5,043	2,522	2,328	1,164
6.....	37,470	3,123	1,562	1,442	721	69,320	5,777	2,889	2,667	1,334
7.....	42,230	3,520	1,760	1,625	813	78,126	6,511	3,256	3,005	1,503
8.....	47,010	3,918	1,959	1,809	905	86,969	7,248	3,624	3,345	1,673
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,780	+ \$399	+ \$200	+ \$184	+ \$92	+ \$8,843	+ \$737	+ \$369	+ \$341	+ \$171

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Supplemental Chart for Family Sizes Greater Than Eight
(Effective from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017)

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.....	\$45,050	\$3,755	\$1,878	\$1,733	\$867	\$83,343	\$6,946	\$3,473	\$3,206	\$1,603
10.....	49,210	4,101	2,051	1,893	947	91,039	7,587	3,794	3,502	1,751
11.....	53,370	4,448	2,224	2,053	1,027	98,735	8,228	4,114	3,798	1,899
12.....	57,530	4,795	2,398	2,213	1,107	106,431	8,870	4,435	4,094	2,047
13.....	61,690	5,141	2,571	2,373	1,187	114,127	9,511	4,756	4,390	2,195
14.....	65,850	5,488	2,744	2,533	1,267	121,823	10,152	5,076	4,686	2,343
15.....	70,010	5,835	2,918	2,693	1,347	129,519	10,794	5,397	4,982	2,491
16.....	74,170	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427	137,215	11,435	5,718	5,278	2,639
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,160	+ \$347	+ \$174	+ \$160	+ \$80	+ \$7,696	+ \$642	+ \$321	+ \$296	+ \$148
Alaska										
9.....	\$56,320	\$4,694	\$2,347	\$2,167	\$1,084	\$104,192	\$8,683	\$4,342	\$4,008	\$2,004
10.....	61,520	5,127	2,564	2,367	1,184	113,812	9,485	4,743	4,378	2,189
11.....	66,720	5,560	2,780	2,567	1,284	123,432	10,286	5,143	4,748	2,374
12.....	71,920	5,994	2,997	2,767	1,384	133,052	11,088	5,544	5,118	2,559
13.....	77,120	6,427	3,214	2,967	1,484	142,672	11,890	5,945	5,488	2,744
14.....	82,320	6,860	3,430	3,167	1,584	152,292	12,691	6,346	5,858	2,929
15.....	87,520	7,294	3,647	3,367	1,684	161,912	13,493	6,747	6,228	3,114
16.....	92,720	7,727	3,864	3,567	1,784	171,532	14,295	7,148	6,598	3,299
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,200	+ \$434	+ \$217	+ \$200	+ \$100	+ \$9,620	+ \$802	+ \$401	+ \$370	+ \$185
Hawaii										
9.....	\$51,790	\$4,316	\$2,158	\$1,992	\$996	\$95,812	\$7,985	\$3,993	\$3,686	\$1,843
10.....	56,570	4,715	2,358	2,176	1,088	104,655	8,722	4,361	4,026	2,013
11.....	61,350	5,113	2,557	2,360	1,180	113,498	9,459	4,730	4,366	2,183
12.....	66,130	5,511	2,756	2,544	1,272	122,341	10,196	5,098	4,706	2,353
13.....	70,910	5,910	2,955	2,728	1,364	131,184	10,932	5,466	5,046	2,523
14.....	75,690	6,308	3,154	2,912	1,456	140,027	11,669	5,835	5,386	2,693
15.....	80,470	6,706	3,353	3,095	1,548	148,870	12,406	6,203	5,726	2,863
16.....	85,250	7,105	3,553	3,279	1,640	157,713	13,143	6,572	6,066	3,033
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,780	+ \$399	+ \$200	+ \$184	+ \$92	+ \$8,843	+ \$737	+ \$369	+ \$341	+ \$171

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