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SUBJECT: WIC Policy Memorandum: #2018-1
Publication of the 2018-2019 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program
for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Income Eligibility Guidelines

TO: Regional Directors
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All State Agencies

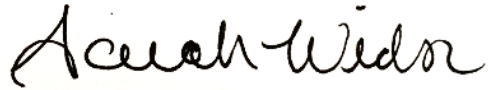
This policy memorandum transmits the 2018-2019 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) that were published in the Federal Register on April 3, 2018, at 83 FR 14240.

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 2018 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 83 FR 2642, on January 18, 2018. 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, 2018.

WIC State agencies must ensure that Management Information Systems incorporate the 2018-2019 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. There is also a chart for families greater than eight.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

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.....	\$12,140	\$1,012	\$506	\$467	\$234	\$22,459	\$1,872	\$936	\$864	\$432
2.....	16,460	1,372	686	634	317	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3.....	20,780	1,732	866	800	400	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4.....	25,100	2,092	1,046	966	483	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5.....	29,420	2,452	1,226	1,132	566	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6.....	33,740	2,812	1,406	1,298	649	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7.....	38,060	3,172	1,586	1,464	732	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8.....	42,380	3,532	1,766	1,630	815	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
Each add'l family member add	+ 4,320	+ \$360	+ \$180	+ \$167	+ \$84	+ \$7,992	+ \$666	+ \$333	+ \$308	+ \$154
Alaska										
1.....	\$15,180	\$1,265	\$633	\$584	\$292	\$28,083	\$2,341	\$1,171	\$1,081	\$541
2.....	20,580	1,715	858	792	396	38,073	3,173	1,587	1,465	733
3.....	25,980	2,165	1,083	1,000	500	48,063	4,006	2,003	1,849	925
4.....	31,380	2,615	1,308	1,207	604	58,053	4,838	2,419	2,233	1,117
5.....	36,780	3,065	1,533	1,415	708	68,043	5,671	2,836	2,618	1,309
6.....	42,180	3,515	1,758	1,623	812	78,033	6,503	3,252	3,002	1,501
7.....	47,580	3,965	1,983	1,830	915	88,023	7,336	3,668	3,386	1,693
8.....	52,980	4,415	2,208	2,038	1,019	98,013	8,168	4,084	3,770	1,885
Each add'l family member add	+ 5,400	+ \$450	+ \$225	+ \$208	+ \$104	+ \$9,990	+ \$833	+ \$417	+ \$385	+ \$193
Hawaii										
1.....	\$13,960	\$1,164	\$582	\$537	\$269	\$25,826	\$2,153	\$1,077	\$994	\$497
2.....	18,930	1,578	789	729	365	35,021	2,919	1,460	1,347	674
3.....	23,900	1,992	996	920	460	44,215	3,685	1,843	1,701	851
4.....	28,870	2,406	1,203	1,111	556	53,410	4,451	2,226	2,055	1,028
5.....	33,840	2,820	1,410	1,302	651	62,604	5,217	2,609	2,408	1,204
6.....	38,810	3,235	1,618	1,493	747	71,799	5,984	2,992	2,762	1,381
7.....	43,780	3,649	1,825	1,684	842	80,993	6,750	3,375	3,116	1,558
8.....	48,750	4,063	2,032	1,875	938	90,188	7,516	3,758	3,469	1,735
Each add'l family member add	+ 4,970	+ \$415	+ \$208	+ \$192	+ \$96	+ \$9,195	+ \$767	+ \$384	+ \$354	+ \$177

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
Supplemental Chart for Family Sizes Greater Than Eight
(Effective from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019)

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.....	\$46,700	\$3,892	\$1,946	\$1,797	\$899	\$86,395	\$7,200	\$3,600	\$3,323	\$1,662
10.....	51,020	4,252	2,126	1,963	982	94,387	7,866	3,933	3,631	1,816
11.....	55,340	4,612	2,306	2,129	1,065	102,379	8,532	4,266	3,938	1,969
12.....	59,660	4,972	2,486	2,295	1,148	110,371	9,198	4,599	4,246	2,123
13.....	63,980	5,332	2,666	2,461	1,231	118,363	9,864	4,932	4,553	2,277
14.....	68,300	5,692	2,846	2,627	1,314	126,355	10,530	5,265	4,860	2,430
15.....	72,620	6,052	3,026	2,794	1,397	134,347	11,196	5,598	5,168	2,584
16.....	76,940	6,412	3,206	2,960	1,480	142,339	11,862	5,931	5,475	2,738
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,320	+ \$360	+ \$180	+ \$167	+ \$84	+ \$7,992	+ \$666	+ \$333	+ \$308	+ \$154
	Alaska									
9.....	\$58,380	\$4,865	\$2,433	\$2,246	\$1,123	\$108,003	\$9,001	\$4,501	\$4,154	\$2,077
10.....	63,780	5,315	2,658	2,454	1,227	117,993	9,833	4,917	4,539	2,270
11.....	69,180	5,765	2,883	2,661	1,331	127,983	10,666	5,333	4,923	2,462
12.....	74,580	6,215	3,108	2,869	1,435	137,973	11,498	5,749	5,307	2,654
13.....	79,980	6,665	3,333	3,077	1,539	147,963	12,331	6,166	5,691	2,846
14.....	85,380	7,115	3,558	3,284	1,642	157,953	13,163	6,582	6,076	3,038
15.....	90,780	7,565	3,783	3,492	1,746	167,943	13,996	6,998	6,460	3,230
16.....	96,180	8,015	4,008	3,700	1,850	177,933	14,828	7,414	6,844	3,422
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,400	+ \$450	+ \$225	+ \$208	+ \$104	+ \$9,990	+ \$833	+ \$417	+ \$385	+ \$193
	Hawaii									
9.....	\$53,720	\$4,477	\$2,239	\$2,067	\$1,034	\$99,382	\$8,282	\$4,141	\$3,823	\$1,912
10.....	58,690	4,891	2,446	2,258	1,129	108,577	9,049	4,525	4,177	2,089
11.....	63,660	5,305	2,653	2,449	1,225	117,771	9,815	4,908	4,530	2,265
12.....	68,630	5,720	2,860	2,640	1,320	126,966	10,581	5,291	4,884	2,442
13.....	73,600	6,134	3,067	2,831	1,416	136,160	11,347	5,674	5,237	2,619
14.....	78,570	6,548	3,274	3,022	1,511	145,355	12,113	6,057	5,591	2,796
15.....	83,540	6,962	3,481	3,214	1,607	154,549	12,880	6,440	5,945	2,973
16.....	88,510	7,376	3,688	3,405	1,703	163,744	13,646	6,823	6,298	3,149
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,970	+ \$415	+ \$208	+ \$192	+ \$96	+ \$9,195	+ \$767	+ \$384	+ \$354	+ \$177

