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SUBJECT: WIC Policy Memorandum #2025-4: Publication of the 2025-2026 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 2025-2026 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 10, 2025, at <u>90 FR 11598</u>.

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 WIC. Income eligibility for WIC 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 2025 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at <u>90 FR 5917</u>, on January 17, 2025. In accordance with the established income guidance, the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC regulations at <u>7 CFR 246.7(d)</u>.

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, 2025.

WIC State agencies must ensure that Management Information Systems incorporate the 2025-2026 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 Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026)

| Household Size | | Federal | Poverty Guideline | es - 100% | Reduced Price Meals - 185% | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----------|---------|-------------------|-----------------|----------------------------|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|---------|
| | Annual | Monthly | Twice- Monthly | Bi-Weekly | Weekly | Annual | Monthly | Twice- Monthly | Bi-Weekly | Weekly |
| | | | 48 | Contiguous Stat | es, D.C., Guam ar | d Territories | | - | | |
| 1 | \$15,650 | \$1,305 | \$653 | \$602 | \$301 | \$28,953 | \$2,413 | \$1,207 | \$1,114 | \$557 |
| 2 | 21,150 | 1,763 | 882 | 814 | 407 | 39,128 | 3,261 | 1,631 | 1,505 | 753 |
| 3 | 26,650 | 2,221 | 1,111 | 1,025 | 513 | 49,303 | 4,109 | 2,055 | 1,897 | 949 |
| 4 | 32,150 | 2,680 | 1,340 | 1,237 | 619 | 59,478 | 4,957 | 2,479 | 2,288 | 1,144 |
| 5 | 37,650 | 3,138 | 1,569 | 1,449 | 725 | 69,653 | 5,805 | 2,903 | 2,679 | 1,340 |
| 6 | 43,150 | 3,596 | 1,798 | 1,660 | 830 | 79,828 | 6,653 | 3,327 | 3,071 | 1,536 |
| 7 | 48,650 | 4,055 | 2,028 | 1,872 | 936 | 90,003 | 7,501 | 3,751 | 3,462 | 1,731 |
| 8 | 54,150 | 4,513 | 2,257 | 2,083 | 1,042 | 100,178 | 8,349 | 4,175 | 3,853 | 1,927 |
| Add per family member | + \$5,500 | + \$459 | + \$230 | + \$212 | + \$106 | + \$10,175 | + \$848 | + \$424 | + \$392 | + \$196 |
| | | | | • | Alaska | • | | | | |
| 1 | \$19,550 | \$1,630 | \$815 | \$752 | \$376 | \$36,168 | \$3,014 | \$1,507 | \$1,392 | \$696 |
| 2 | 26,430 | 2,203 | 1,102 | 1,017 | 509 | 48,896 | 4,075 | 2,038 | 1,881 | 941 |
| 3 | 33,310 | 2,776 | 1,388 | 1,282 | 641 | 61,624 | 5,136 | 2,568 | 2,371 | 1,186 |
| 4 | 40,190 | 3,350 | 1,675 | 1,546 | 773 | 74,352 | 6,196 | 3,098 | 2,860 | 1,430 |
| 5 | 47,070 | 3,923 | 1,962 | 1,811 | 906 | 87,080 | 7,257 | 3,629 | 3,350 | 1,675 |
| 6 | 53,950 | 4,496 | 2,248 | 2,075 | 1,038 | 99,808 | 8,318 | 4,159 | 3,839 | 1,920 |
| 7 | 60,830 | 5,070 | 2,535 | 2,340 | 1,170 | 112,536 | 9,378 | 4,689 | 4,329 | 2,165 |
| 8 | 67,710 | 5,643 | 2,822 | 2,605 | 1,303 | 125,264 | 10,439 | 5,220 | 4,818 | 2,409 |
| Add per family member | + \$6,880 | + \$574 | + \$287 | + \$265 | + \$133 | + \$12,728 | + \$1,061 | + \$531 | + \$490 | + \$245 |
| | | | | | Hawaii | | | | | |
| 1 | \$17,990 | \$1,500 | \$750 | \$692 | \$346 | \$33,282 | \$2,774 | \$1,387 | \$1,281 | \$641 |
| 2 | \$24,320 | \$2,027 | \$1,014 | \$936 | \$468 | \$44,992 | \$3,750 | \$1,875 | \$1,731 | \$866 |
| 3 | 30,650 | 2,555 | 1,278 | 1,179 | 590 | 56,703 | 4,726 | 2,363 | 2,181 | 1,091 |
| 4 | 36,980 | 3,082 | 1,541 | 1,423 | 712 | 68,413 | 5,702 | 2,851 | 2,632 | 1,316 |
| 5 | 43,310 | 3,610 | 1,805 | 1,666 | 833 | 80,124 | 6,677 | 3,339 | 3,082 | 1,541 |
| 6 | 49,640 | 4,137 | 2,069 | 1,910 | 955 | 91,834 | 7,653 | 3,827 | 3,533 | 1,767 |
| 7 | 55,970 | 4,665 | 2,333 | 2,153 | 1,077 | 103,545 | 8,629 | 4,315 | 3,983 | 1,992 |
| 8 | 62,300 | 5,192 | 2,596 | 2,397 | 1,199 | 115,255 | 9,605 | 4,803 | 4,433 | 2,217 |
| Add per family member | + \$6,330 | + \$528 | + \$264 | + \$244 | + \$122 | + \$11,711 | + \$976 | + \$488 | + \$451 | + \$226 |

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Income Eligibility Guidelines (Effective from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026) 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 State | es, D.C., Guam ar | d Territories | • | | | | |
| 9 | \$59,650 | \$4,971 | \$2,486 | \$2,295 | \$1,148 | \$110,353 | \$9,197 | \$4,599 | \$4,245 | \$2,123 | |
| 10 | 65,150 | 5,430 | 2,715 | 2,506 | 1,253 | 120,528 | 10,044 | 5,022 | 4,636 | 2,318 | |
| 11 | 70,650 | 5,888 | 2,944 | 2,718 | 1,359 | 130,703 | 10,892 | 5,446 | 5,028 | 2,514 | |
| 12 | 76,150 | 6,346 | 3,173 | 2,929 | 1,465 | 140,878 | 11,740 | 5,870 | 5,419 | 2,710 | |
| 13 | 81,650 | 6,805 | 3,403 | 3,141 | 1,571 | 151,053 | 12,588 | 6,294 | 5,810 | 2,905 | |
| 14 | 87,150 | 7,263 | 3,632 | 3,352 | 1,676 | 161,228 | 13,436 | 6,718 | 6,202 | 3,101 | |
| 15 | 92,650 | 7,721 | 3,861 | 3,564 | 1,782 | 171,403 | 14,284 | 7,142 | 6,593 | 3,297 | |
| 16 | 98,150 | 8,180 | 4,090 | 3,775 | 1,888 | 181,578 | 15,132 | 7,566 | 6,984 | 3,492 | |
| Add per family member | + \$5,500 | + \$459 | + \$230 | + \$212 | + \$106 | + \$10,175 | + \$848 | + \$424 | + \$392 | + \$196 | |
| | | | | | Alaska | | | | | | |
| 9 | \$74,590 | \$6,216 | \$3,108 | \$2,869 | \$1,435 | \$137,992 | \$11,500 | \$5,750 | \$5,308 | \$2,654 | |
| 10 | 81,470 | 6,790 | 3,395 | 3,134 | 1,567 | 150,720 | 12,560 | 6,280 | 5,797 | 2,899 | |
| 11 | 88,350 | 7,363 | 3,682 | 3,399 | 1,700 | 163,448 | 13,621 | 6,811 | 6,287 | 3,144 | |
| 12 | 95,230 | 7,936 | 3,968 | 3,663 | 1,832 | 176,176 | 14,682 | 7,341 | 6,776 | 3,388 | |
| 13 | 102,110 | 8,510 | 4,255 | 3,928 | 1,964 | 188,904 | 15,742 | 7,871 | 7,266 | 3,633 | |
| 14 | 108,990 | 9,083 | 4,542 | 4,192 | 2,096 | 201,632 | 16,803 | 8,402 | 7,756 | 3,878 | |
| 15 | 115,870 | 9,656 | 4,828 | 4,457 | 2,229 | 214,360 | 17,864 | 8,932 | 8,245 | 4,123 | |
| 16 | 122,750 | 10,230 | 5,115 | 4,722 | 2,361 | 227,088 | 18,924 | 9,462 | 8,735 | 4,368 | |
| Add per family member | + \$6,880 | + \$574 | + \$287 | + \$265 | + \$133 | + \$12,728 | + \$1,061 | + \$531 | + \$490 | + \$245 | |
| | | | | | Hawaii | | • | • | | • | |
| 9 | \$68,630 | \$5,720 | \$2,860 | \$2,640 | \$1,320 | \$126,966 | \$10,581 | \$5,291 | \$4,884 | \$2,442 | |
| 10 | \$74,960 | \$6,247 | \$3,124 | \$2,884 | \$1,442 | \$138,676 | \$11,557 | \$5,779 | \$5,334 | \$2,667 | |
| 11 | 81,290 | 6,775 | 3,388 | 3,127 | 1,564 | 150,387 | 12,533 | 6,267 | 5,785 | 2,893 | |
| 12 | 87,620 | 7,302 | 3,651 | 3,370 | 1,685 | 162,097 | 13,509 | 6,755 | 6,235 | 3,118 | |
| 13 | 93,950 | 7,830 | 3,915 | 3,614 | 1,807 | 173,808 | 14,484 | 7,242 | 6,685 | 3,343 | |
| 14 | 100,280 | 8,357 | 4,179 | 3,857 | 1,929 | 185,518 | 15,460 | 7,730 | 7,136 | 3,568 | |
| 15 | 106,610 | 8,885 | 4,443 | 4,101 | 2,051 | 197,229 | 16,436 | 8,218 | 7,586 | 3,793 | |
| 16 | 112,940 | 9,412 | 4,706 | 4,344 | 2,172 | 208,939 | 17,412 | 8,706 | 8,037 | 4,019 | |
| Add per family member | + \$6,330 | + \$528 | + \$264 | + \$244 | + \$122 | + \$11,711 | + \$976 | + \$488 | + \$451 | + \$226 | |