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**SUBJECT:** WIC Policy Memorandum: #2017-3  
Publication of the 2017-2018 Special Supplemental Nutrition Program  
for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Income Eligibility Guidelines

**TO:** Regional Directors  
Special Nutrition Programs

WIC State Agency Directors  
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This policy memorandum transmits the 2017-2018 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 15, 2017, at 82 FR 13788.

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 2017 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 82 FR 8831, on January 31, 2017. 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 revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the revised WIC IEGs no later than July 1, 2017.

WIC State agencies must ensure that Management Information Systems incorporate the 2017-2018 changes accordingly.

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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.

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**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

**(Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)**

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
<b>48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories</b>										
1.....	\$12,060	\$1,005	\$503	\$464	\$232	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$930	\$859	\$430
2.....	16,240	1,354	677	625	313	30,044	2,504	1,252	1,156	578
3.....	20,420	1,702	851	786	393	37,777	3,149	1,575	1,453	727
4.....	24,600	2,050	1,025	947	474	45,510	3,793	1,897	1,751	876
5.....	28,780	2,399	1,200	1,107	554	53,243	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024
6.....	32,960	2,747	1,374	1,268	634	60,976	5,082	2,541	2,346	1,173
7.....	37,140	3,095	1,548	1,429	715	68,709	5,726	2,863	2,643	1,322
8.....	41,320	3,444	1,722	1,590	795	76,442	6,371	3,186	2,941	1,471
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,180	+ \$349	+ \$175	+ \$161	+ \$81	+ \$7,733	+ \$645	+ \$323	+ \$298	+ \$149
<b>Alaska</b>										
1.....	\$15,060	\$1,255	\$628	\$580	\$290	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536
2.....	20,290	1,691	846	781	391	37,537	3,129	1,565	1,444	722
3.....	25,520	2,127	1,064	982	491	47,212	3,935	1,968	1,816	908
4.....	30,750	2,563	1,282	1,183	592	56,888	4,741	2,371	2,188	1,094
5.....	35,980	2,999	1,500	1,384	692	66,563	5,547	2,774	2,561	1,281
6.....	41,210	3,435	1,718	1,585	793	76,239	6,354	3,177	2,933	1,467
7.....	46,440	3,870	1,935	1,787	894	85,914	7,160	3,580	3,305	1,653
8.....	51,670	4,306	2,153	1,988	994	95,590	7,966	3,983	3,677	1,839
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,230	+ \$436	+ \$218	+ \$202	+ \$101	+ \$9,676	+ \$807	+ \$404	+ \$373	+ \$187
<b>Hawaii</b>										
1.....	\$13,860	\$1,155	\$578	\$534	\$267	\$25,641	\$2,137	\$1,069	\$987	\$494
2.....	18,670	1,556	778	719	360	34,540	2,879	1,440	1,329	665
3.....	23,480	1,957	979	904	452	43,438	3,620	1,810	1,671	836
4.....	28,290	2,358	1,179	1,089	545	52,337	4,362	2,181	2,013	1,007
5.....	33,100	2,759	1,380	1,274	637	61,235	5,103	2,552	2,356	1,178
6.....	37,910	3,160	1,580	1,459	730	70,134	5,845	2,923	2,698	1,349
7.....	42,720	3,560	1,780	1,644	822	79,032	6,586	3,293	3,040	1,520
8.....	47,530	3,961	1,981	1,829	915	87,931	7,328	3,664	3,382	1,691
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,810	+ \$401	+ \$201	+ \$185	+ \$93	+ \$8,899	+ \$742	+ \$371	+ \$343	+ \$172

**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**  
**Supplemental Chart for Family Sizes Greater Than Eight**  
**(Effective from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018)**

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines- 100%					Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
<b>48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories</b>										
9.....	\$45,500	\$3,792	\$1,896	\$1,750	\$875	\$84,175	\$7,015	\$3,508	\$3,238	\$1,619
10.....	49,680	4,140	2,070	1,911	956	91,908	7,659	3,830	3,535	1,768
11.....	53,860	4,489	2,245	2,072	1,036	99,641	8,304	4,152	3,833	1,917
12.....	58,040	4,837	2,419	2,233	1,117	107,374	8,948	4,474	4,130	2,065
13.....	62,220	5,185	2,593	2,394	1,197	115,107	9,593	4,797	4,428	2,214
14.....	66,400	5,534	2,767	2,554	1,277	122,840	10,237	5,119	4,725	2,363
15.....	70,580	5,882	2,941	2,715	1,358	130,573	10,882	5,441	5,023	2,512
16.....	74,760	6,230	3,115	2,876	1,438	138,306	11,526	5,763	5,320	2,660
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,180	+ \$349	+ \$175	+ \$161	+ \$81	+ \$7,733	+ \$645	+ \$323	+ \$298	+ \$149
<b>Alaska</b>										
9.....	\$56,900	\$4,742	\$2,371	\$2,189	\$1,095	\$105,265	\$8,773	\$4,387	\$4,049	\$2,025
10.....	62,130	5,178	2,589	2,390	1,195	114,941	9,579	4,790	4,421	2,211
11.....	67,360	5,614	2,807	2,591	1,296	124,616	10,385	5,193	4,793	2,397
12.....	72,590	6,050	3,025	2,792	1,396	134,292	11,191	5,596	5,166	2,583
13.....	77,820	6,485	3,243	2,994	1,497	143,967	11,998	5,999	5,538	2,769
14.....	83,050	6,921	3,461	3,195	1,598	153,643	12,804	6,402	5,910	2,955
15.....	88,280	7,357	3,679	3,396	1,698	163,318	13,610	6,805	6,282	3,141
16.....	93,510	7,793	3,897	3,597	1,799	172,994	14,417	7,209	6,654	3,327
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,230	+ \$436	+ \$218	+ \$202	+ \$101	+ \$9,676	+ \$807	+ \$404	+ \$373	+ \$187
<b>Hawaii</b>										
9.....	\$52,340	\$4,362	\$2,181	\$2,014	\$1,007	\$96,829	\$8,070	\$4,035	\$3,725	\$1,863
10.....	57,150	4,763	2,382	2,199	1,100	105,728	8,811	4,406	4,067	2,034
11.....	61,960	5,164	2,582	2,384	1,192	114,626	9,553	4,777	4,409	2,205
12.....	66,770	5,565	2,783	2,569	1,285	123,525	10,294	5,147	4,751	2,376
13.....	71,580	5,965	2,983	2,754	1,377	132,423	11,036	5,518	5,094	2,547
14.....	76,390	6,366	3,183	2,939	1,470	141,322	11,777	5,889	5,436	2,718
15.....	81,200	6,767	3,384	3,124	1,562	150,220	12,519	6,260	5,778	2,889
16.....	86,010	7,168	3,584	3,309	1,655	159,119	13,260	6,630	6,120	3,060
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,810	+ \$401	+ \$201	+ \$185	+ \$93	+ \$8,899	+ \$742	+ \$371	+ \$343	+ \$172