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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC): Income Eligibility Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department announces adjusted income eligibility guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC Program). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Hallman, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2730.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This rule is exempted from review by the Office of Management and Budget under Executive Order 12866.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of this Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.557 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V, 48 FR 29112 June 24, 1983).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(d)(2)(A)) requires the Secretary of Agriculture to establish income criteria to be used with nutritional risk criteria in determining a person's eligibility for participation in the WIC Program. The law provides that persons will be income eligible for the WIC Program only if they are members of families that satisfy the income standard prescribed for reduced price school meals under section 9(b) of the National School Lunch Act (42 U.S.C. 1758(b)). Under section 9(b), the income limit for reduced price school meals 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 1998 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the **Federal Register** on February 24, 1998 at 63 FR 9235. The guidelines published by DHHS are referred to as the poverty guidelines.

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the

National School Lunch Act for reduced price school meals or identical to State or local guidelines for free or reduced price health care. However, in conforming WIC income guidelines to State or local health care guidelines, the State cannot establish WIC guidelines which exceed the guidelines for reduced price school meals, or which are less than 100 percent of the Federal poverty guidelines. Consistent with the method used to compute income eligibility guidelines for reduced price meals under the National School Lunch Program, the poverty guidelines were multiplied by 1.85 and the results rounded upward to the next whole dollar.

At this time the Department is publishing the maximum and minimum WIC income eligibility guidelines by household size for the period July 1, 1998 through June 30, 1999. Consistent with section 17(f)(17) of the Child Nutrition Act of 1966 (42 U.S.C. 1786(f)(17)), a State agency may implement the revised WIC income eligibility guidelines concurrently with the implementation of income eligibility guidelines under the Medicaid program established under title XIX of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1396 et seq.). State agencies may coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines, but in no case may implementation take place later than July 1, 1998. State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines July 1, 1998. The first table of this notice contains the income limits by household size for the 48 contiguous States, the District of Columbia and all Territories, including Guam. Because the poverty guidelines for Alaska and Hawaii are higher than for the 48 contiguous States, separate tables for Alaska and Hawaii have been included for the convenience of the State agencies.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
[Effective from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines			Reduced price meals—185%		
	Annual	Month	Week	Annual	Month	Week
48 CONTIGUOUS UNITED STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM AND TERRITORIES						
1	8,050	671	155	14,893	1,242	287
2	10,850	905	209	20,073	1,673	387
3	13,650	1,138	263	25,253	2,105	486
4	16,450	1,371	317	30,433	2,537	586
5	19,250	1,605	371	35,613	2,968	685
6	22,050	1,838	425	40,793	3,400	785
7	24,850	2,071	478	45,973	3,832	885
8	27,650	2,305	532	51,153	4,263	984
For each add'l family member add	+2,800	+234	+54	+5,180	+432	+100

ALASKA

1	10,070	840	194	18,630	1,553	359
2	13,570	1,131	261	25,105	2,093	483
3	17,070	1,423	329	31,580	2,632	608
4	20,570	1,715	396	38,055	3,172	732
5	24,070	2,006	463	44,530	3,711	857
6	27,570	2,298	531	51,005	4,251	981
7	31,070	2,590	598	57,480	4,790	1,106
8	34,570	2,881	665	63,955	5,330	1,230
For each add'l family member add	+3,500	+292	+68	+6,475	+540	+125

HAWAII

1	9,260	772	179	17,131	1,428	330
2	12,480	1,040	240	23,088	1,924	444
3	15,700	1,309	302	29,045	2,421	559
4	18,920	1,577	364	35,002	2,917	674
5	22,140	1,845	426	40,959	3,414	788
6	25,360	2,114	488	46,916	3,910	903
7	28,580	2,382	550	52,873	4,407	1,017
8	31,800	2,650	612	58,830	4,903	1,132
For each add'l family member add	+3,220	+269	+62	+5,957	+497	+115

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Yvette S. Jackson,

Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration

Proposed Posting of Stockyards

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, has information that the livestock market named below is a stockyard as defined in Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act (7 U.S.C. 202), and should be made subject to the provisions of the Packers and Stockyards Act, 1921, as amended (7 U.S.C. 181 *et seq.*).

Holland's Livestock Sales, Reidsville, Georgia

GA-223

Pursuant to the authority under Section 302 of the Packers and Stockyards Act, notice is hereby given that it is proposed to designate the stockyard named above as a posted stockyard subject to the provisions of said Act.

Any person who wishes to submit written data, views or arguments concerning the proposed designation may do so by filing them with the Director, Livestock Marketing Division, Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, Room 3408-South Building, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250 by March 25, 1998.

All written submissions made pursuant to this notice will be made available for public inspection in the office of the Director of the Livestock

Marketing Division during normal business hours.

Done at Washington, D.C. this 27th day of February 1998.

Daniel L. Van Ackeren,

Director, Livestock Marketing Division, Packers and Stockyards Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 10-98]

Foreign-Trade Zone 15—Kansas City, Missouri, Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Greater Kansas City Foreign Trade Zone, Inc., grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 15, requesting authority to expand its zone in Kansas City, Missouri, within the Kansas City,