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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Agricultural Research Service

Notice of Intent To Request an Extension, and Revision, of a Currently Approved Information Collection; Correction

AGENCY: Agricultural Research Service.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 04-13) and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR Part 1320 (60 FR 44978, August 29, 1995), this notice announced the Agricultural Research Service's (ARS) intention to seek approval to collection information in support of research and related activities.

The document contained incorrect dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Philpot, 301-504-5683.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of March 6, 2006, in FR Doc. 62-2065 on page 11175, in the second paragraph, and the seventh paragraph correct the **DATES** caption to read:

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by May 5, 2006, to be assured of consideration.

Correction

Expiration Date: May 31, 2006.

Dated: March 7, 2006.

Yvette Anderson,

ARS Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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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 Program (WIC). These income eligibility guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the WIC Regulations.

DATES: *Effective Date:* July 1, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Debra Whitford, Branch Chief, Policy and Program Development Branch, Supplemental Food Programs Division, FNS, USDA, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302, (703) 305-2746.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This notice is exempt 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 29114, June 24, 1983, and 49 FR 22676, May 31, 1984).

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 Richard B. Russell 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 2006 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 71 FR 3848, January 24, 2006. The guidelines published by HHS are referred to as the poverty guidelines.

Section 246.7(d)(1) of the WIC regulations (Title 7, Code of Federal Regulations) specifies that State agencies may prescribe income guidelines either equaling the income guidelines established under section 9 of the Richard B. Russell 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, 2006, through June 30, 2007. 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, 2006.

State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on July 1, 2006. 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.

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INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
(Effective from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007)

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%				Reduced Price Meals - 185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly	
48 Contiguous States, D.C., Guam and Territories									
1.....	\$9,800	\$817	\$409	\$377	\$189	\$18,130	\$1,511	\$756	\$698
2.....	13,200	1,100	550	508	254	24,420	2,035	1,018	940
3.....	16,600	1,384	692	639	320	30,710	2,560	1,280	1,182
4.....	20,000	1,667	834	770	385	37,000	3,084	1,542	1,424
5.....	23,400	1,950	975	900	450	43,290	3,608	1,804	1,665
6.....	26,800	2,234	1,117	1,031	516	49,580	4,132	2,066	1,907
7.....	30,200	2,517	1,259	1,162	581	55,870	4,656	2,328	2,149
8.....	33,600	2,800	1,400	1,293	647	62,160	5,180	2,590	2,391
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$3,400	+ \$284	+ \$142	+ \$131	+ \$66	+ \$6,290	+ \$525	+ \$263	+ \$242
Alaska									
1.....	\$12,250	\$1,021	\$511	\$472	\$236	\$22,663	\$1,889	\$945	\$872
2.....	16,500	1,375	688	635	318	30,525	2,544	1,272	1,175
3.....	20,750	1,730	865	799	400	38,388	3,199	1,600	1,477
4.....	25,000	2,084	1,042	962	481	46,250	3,855	1,928	1,779
5.....	29,250	2,438	1,219	1,125	563	54,113	4,510	2,255	2,082
6.....	33,500	2,792	1,396	1,289	645	61,975	5,165	2,583	2,384
7.....	37,750	3,146	1,573	1,452	726	69,838	5,820	2,910	2,687
8.....	42,000	3,500	1,750	1,616	808	77,700	6,475	3,238	2,989
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$4,250	+ \$355	+ \$178	+ \$164	+ \$82	+ \$7,863	+ \$656	+ \$328	+ \$303
Hawaii									
1.....	\$11,270	\$940	\$470	\$434	\$217	\$20,850	\$1,738	\$869	\$802
2.....	15,180	1,265	633	584	292	28,083	2,341	1,171	1,081
3.....	19,090	1,591	796	735	368	35,317	2,944	1,472	1,359
4.....	23,000	1,917	959	885	443	42,550	3,546	1,773	1,637
5.....	26,910	2,243	1,122	1,035	518	49,784	4,149	2,075	1,915
6.....	30,820	2,569	1,285	1,186	593	57,017	4,752	2,376	2,193
7.....	34,730	2,895	1,448	1,336	668	64,251	5,355	2,678	2,472
8.....	38,640	3,220	1,610	1,487	744	71,484	5,957	2,979	2,750
Each Add'l Member Add	+ \$3,910	+ \$326	+ \$163	+ \$151	+ \$76	+ \$7,234	+ \$603	+ \$302	+ \$279

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Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

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