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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 29100, June 24,
1983, and 49 FR 22675, May 31, 1984).

Description

Section 17(d)(2)(A) of the Child
Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (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 2015/2016 was published
by the Department of Health and Human
Services (HHS) at 80 FR 3236, January
22, 2015. 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,
2015, through June 30, 2016. Consistent
with section 17(f)(17) of the Child
Nutrition Act of 1966, as amended (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, *i.e.*, earlier in the
year, but in no case may
implementation take place later than
July 1, 2015.

State agencies that do not coordinate
implementation with the revised
Medicaid guidelines must implement
the WIC income eligibility guidelines on
July 1, 2015. 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.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES
[Effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016]

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	\$11,770	\$981	\$491	\$453	\$227	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$908	\$838	\$419
2	15,930	1,328	664	613	307	29,471	2,456	1,228	1,134	567
3	20,090	1,675	838	773	387	37,167	3,098	1,549	1,430	715
4	24,250	2,021	1,011	933	467	44,863	3,739	1,870	1,726	863
5	28,410	2,368	1,184	1,093	547	52,559	4,380	2,190	2,022	1,011
6	32,570	2,715	1,358	1,253	627	60,255	5,022	2,511	2,318	1,159
7	36,730	3,061	1,531	1,413	707	67,951	5,663	2,832	2,614	1,307
8	40,890	3,408	1,704	1,573	787	75,647	6,304	3,152	2,910	1,455
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,160	+ \$347	+ \$174	+ \$160	+ \$80	+ \$7,696	+ \$642	+ \$321	+ \$296	+ \$148
Alaska										
1	\$14,720	\$1,227	\$614	\$567	\$284	\$27,232	\$2,270	\$1,135	\$1,048	\$524
2	19,920	1,660	830	767	384	36,852	3,071	1,536	1,418	709
3	25,120	2,094	1,047	967	484	46,472	3,873	1,937	1,788	894
4	30,320	2,527	1,264	1,167	584	56,092	4,675	2,338	2,158	1,079
5	35,520	2,960	1,480	1,367	684	65,712	5,476	2,738	2,528	1,264
6	40,720	3,394	1,697	1,567	784	75,332	6,278	3,139	2,898	1,449
7	45,920	3,827	1,914	1,767	884	84,952	7,080	3,540	3,268	1,634
8	51,120	4,260	2,130	1,967	984	94,572	7,881	3,941	3,638	1,819
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,200	+ \$434	+ \$217	+ \$200	+ \$100	+ \$9,620	+ \$802	+ \$401	+ \$370	+ \$185
Hawaii										
1	\$13,550	\$1,130	\$565	\$522	\$261	\$25,068	\$2,089	\$1,045	\$965	\$483

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES—Continued
[Effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines—100%					Reduced price meals—185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly
2	18,330	1,528	764	705	353	33,911	2,826	1,413	1,305	653
3	23,110	1,926	963	889	445	42,754	3,563	1,782	1,645	823
4	27,890	2,325	1,163	1,073	537	51,597	4,300	2,150	1,985	993
5	32,670	2,723	1,362	1,257	629	60,440	5,037	2,519	2,325	1,163
6	37,450	3,121	1,561	1,441	721	69,283	5,774	2,887	2,665	1,333
7	42,230	3,520	1,760	1,625	813	78,126	6,511	3,256	3,005	1,503
8	47,010	3,918	1,959	1,809	905	86,969	7,248	3,624	3,345	1,673
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,780	+ \$399	+ \$200	+ \$184	+ \$92	+ \$8,843	+ \$737	+ \$369	+ \$341	+ \$171

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES—SUPPLEMENTAL CHART FOR FAMILY SIZES GREATER THAN EIGHT
[Effective from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016]

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	\$45,050	\$3,755	\$1,878	\$1,733	\$867	\$83,343	\$6,946	\$3,473	\$3,206	\$1,603
10	49,210	4,101	2,051	1,893	947	91,039	7,587	3,794	3,502	1,751
11	53,370	4,448	2,224	2,053	1,027	98,735	8,228	4,114	3,798	1,899
12	57,530	4,795	2,398	2,213	1,107	106,431	8,870	4,435	4,094	2,047
13	61,690	5,141	2,571	2,373	1,187	114,127	9,511	4,756	4,390	2,195
14	65,850	5,488	2,744	2,533	1,267	121,823	10,152	5,076	4,686	2,343
15	70,010	5,835	2,918	2,693	1,347	129,519	10,794	5,397	4,982	2,491
16	74,170	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427	137,215	11,435	5,718	5,278	2,639
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,160	+ \$347	+ \$174	+ \$160	+ \$80	+ \$7,696	+ \$642	+ \$321	+ \$296	+ \$148
Alaska										
9	\$56,320	\$4,694	\$2,347	\$2,167	\$1,084	\$104,192	\$8,683	\$4,342	\$4,008	\$2,004
10	61,520	5,127	2,564	2,367	1,184	113,812	9,485	4,743	4,378	2,189
11	66,720	5,560	2,780	2,567	1,284	123,432	10,286	5,143	4,748	2,374
12	71,920	5,994	2,997	2,767	1,384	133,052	11,088	5,544	5,118	2,559
13	77,120	6,427	3,214	2,967	1,484	142,672	11,890	5,945	5,488	2,744
14	82,320	6,860	3,430	3,167	1,584	152,292	12,691	6,346	5,858	2,929
15	87,520	7,294	3,647	3,367	1,684	161,912	13,493	6,747	6,228	3,114
16	92,720	7,727	3,864	3,567	1,784	171,532	14,295	7,148	6,598	3,299
Each add'l family member add	+ \$5,200	+ \$434	+ \$217	+ \$200	+ \$100	+ \$9,620	+ \$802	+ \$401	+ \$370	+ \$185
Hawaii										
9	\$51,790	\$4,316	\$2,158	\$1,992	\$996	\$95,812	\$7,985	\$3,993	\$3,686	\$1,843
10	56,570	4,715	2,358	2,176	1,088	104,655	8,722	4,361	4,026	2,013
11	61,350	5,113	2,557	2,360	1,180	113,498	9,459	4,730	4,366	2,183
12	66,130	5,511	2,756	2,544	1,272	122,341	10,196	5,098	4,706	2,353
13	70,910	5,910	2,955	2,728	1,364	131,184	10,932	5,466	5,046	2,523
14	75,690	6,308	3,154	2,912	1,456	140,027	11,669	5,835	5,386	2,693
15	80,470	6,706	3,353	3,095	1,548	148,870	12,406	6,203	5,726	2,863
16	85,250	7,105	3,553	3,279	1,640	157,713	13,143	6,572	6,066	3,033
Each add'l family member add	+ \$4,780	+ \$399	+ \$200	+ \$184	+ \$92	+ \$8,843	+ \$737	+ \$369	+ \$341	+ \$171

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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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request—National Universal
Product Code (NUPC) Database**

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service (FNS), USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, this notice invites the general public and other public agencies to comment on this proposed information collection.

This is a revision of a currently approved collection for the development and maintenance of a central repository containing information about authorized WIC foods as approved by various WIC State agencies.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 1, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Comments are invited on:
(a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility;
(b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate