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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 U.S. Department of Agriculture (“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, 2013.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant and was not reviewed by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in conformance with 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 OMB 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, 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 2013/2014 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 78 FR 16, January 24, 2013. 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, 2013, through June 30, 2014. 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, 2013.

State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on July 1, 2013. 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.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE		FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES		Effective from July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014											
				REDUCED PRICE MEALS - 185 %						FREE MEALS - 130 %					
				ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY		
				48 CONTIGUOUS STATES, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, GUAM, AND TERRITORIES											
1	11,490	21,257	1,772	886	818	409	14,937	1,245	623	575	288				
2	15,510	28,694	2,392	1,196	1,104	552	20,163	1,681	841	776	388				
3	19,530	36,131	3,011	1,506	1,390	695	25,389	2,116	1,058	977	489				
4	23,550	43,568	3,631	1,816	1,676	838	30,615	2,552	1,276	1,178	589				
5	27,570	51,005	4,251	2,126	1,962	981	35,841	2,987	1,494	1,379	690				
6	31,590	58,442	4,871	2,436	2,248	1,124	41,067	3,423	1,712	1,580	790				
7	35,610	65,879	5,490	2,745	2,534	1,267	46,293	3,858	1,929	1,781	891				
8	39,630	73,316	6,110	3,055	2,820	1,410	51,519	4,294	2,147	1,982	991				
For each add'l family member, add		4,020	620	310	287	144	5,226	436	218	201	101				
				ALASKA											
1	14,350	26,548	2,213	1,107	1,022	511	18,655	1,555	778	718	359				
2	19,380	35,853	2,988	1,494	1,379	690	25,194	2,100	1,050	969	485				
3	24,410	45,159	3,764	1,882	1,737	869	31,733	2,645	1,323	1,221	611				
4	29,440	54,464	4,539	2,270	2,095	1,048	38,272	3,190	1,595	1,472	736				
5	34,470	63,770	5,315	2,658	2,453	1,227	44,811	3,735	1,868	1,724	862				
6	39,500	73,075	6,090	3,045	2,811	1,406	51,350	4,280	2,140	1,975	988				
7	44,530	82,381	6,866	3,433	3,169	1,585	57,889	4,825	2,413	2,227	1,114				
8	49,560	91,686	7,641	3,821	3,527	1,764	64,428	5,369	2,685	2,478	1,239				
For each add'l family member, add		5,030	776	388	358	179	6,539	545	273	252	126				
				HAWAII											
1	13,230	24,476	2,040	1,020	942	471	17,199	1,434	717	662	331				
2	17,850	33,023	2,752	1,376	1,271	636	23,205	1,934	967	893	447				
3	22,470	41,570	3,465	1,733	1,599	800	29,211	2,435	1,218	1,124	562				
4	27,090	50,117	4,177	2,089	1,928	964	35,217	2,935	1,468	1,355	678				
5	31,710	58,664	4,889	2,445	2,257	1,129	41,223	3,436	1,718	1,586	793				
6	36,330	67,211	5,601	2,801	2,586	1,293	47,229	3,936	1,968	1,817	909				
7	40,950	75,758	6,314	3,157	2,914	1,457	53,235	4,437	2,219	2,048	1,024				
8	45,570	84,305	7,026	3,513	3,243	1,622	59,241	4,937	2,469	2,279	1,140				
For each add'l family member, add		4,620	713	357	329	165	6,006	501	251	231	116				

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

Forest Service

Caribou-Targhee National Forest; Idaho and Wyoming; Amendment to the Targhee Revised Forest Plan—Canada Lynx Habitat

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

SUMMARY: The Caribou-Targhee National Forest proposes to amend the Targhee Revised Forest Plan (1997) to include a map identifying specific areas where the

Northern Rockies Lynx Management Direction (NRLMD, 2007) applies.

Pre-Decisional Administrative Review Process: The decision on this proposed plan amendment will be subject to the objection process for the planning process (36 CFR part 219, subpart B). Only those individuals and entities who submit substantive formal comments related to this proposed plan amendment during the opportunities for public comment as provided in 36 CFR part 219, Subpart A may file an objection. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with requirements for objection (36 CFR 219.53).