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Roberto Salazar,

Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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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: July 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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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 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 2008 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) at 73 FR 3971, January 23, 2008. 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, 2008, through June 30, 2009. 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, 2008.

State agencies that do not coordinate implementation with the revised Medicaid guidelines must implement the WIC income eligibility guidelines on July 1, 2008. 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.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 1786.

Dated: April 1, 2008.

Roberto Salazar,
Administrator.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

[Effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009]

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, DC, Guam and Territories										
1	\$10,400	\$867	\$434	\$400	\$200	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$802	\$740	\$370
2	14,000	1,167	584	539	270	25,900	2,159	1,080	997	499
3	17,600	1,467	734	677	339	32,560	2,714	1,357	1,253	627
4	21,200	1,767	884	816	408	39,220	3,269	1,635	1,509	755
5	24,800	2,067	1,034	954	477	45,880	3,824	1,912	1,765	883

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES—Continued

[Effective from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009]

Household size	Federal poverty guidelines—100%					Reduced price meals—185%				
	Annual	Monthly	Twice-monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Twice-monthly	Bi-weekly	Weekly
6	28,400	2,367	1,184	1,093	547	52,540	4,379	2,190	2,021	1,011
7	32,000	2,667	1,334	1,231	616	59,200	4,934	2,467	2,277	1,139
8	35,600	2,967	1,484	1,370	685	65,860	5,489	2,745	2,534	1,267
Each Add'l Member										
Add	+3,600	+300	+150	+139	+70	+6,660	+555	+278	+257	+129

Alaska

1	13,000	1,084	542	500	250	24,050	2,005	1,003	925	463
2	17,500	1,459	730	674	337	32,375	2,698	1,349	1,246	623
3	22,000	1,834	917	847	424	40,700	3,392	1,696	1,566	783
4	26,500	2,209	1,105	1,020	510	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	31,000	2,584	1,292	1,193	597	57,350	4,780	2,390	2,206	1,103
6	35,500	2,959	1,480	1,366	683	65,675	5,473	2,737	2,526	1,263
7	40,000	3,334	1,667	1,539	770	74,000	6,167	3,084	2,847	1,424
8	44,500	3,709	1,855	1,712	856	82,325	6,861	3,431	3,167	1,584
Each Add'l Member										
Add	+4,500	+375	+188	+174	+87	+8,325	+694	+347	+321	+161

Hawaii

1	11,960	997	499	460	230	22,126	1,844	922	851	426
2	16,100	1,342	671	620	310	29,785	2,483	1,242	1,146	573
3	20,240	1,687	844	779	390	37,444	3,121	1,561	1,441	721
4	24,380	2,032	1,016	938	469	45,103	3,759	1,880	1,735	868
5	28,520	2,377	1,189	1,097	549	52,762	4,397	2,199	2,030	1,015
6	32,660	2,722	1,361	1,257	629	60,421	5,036	2,518	2,324	1,162
7	36,800	3,067	1,534	1,416	708	68,080	5,674	2,837	2,619	1,310
8	40,940	3,412	1,706	1,575	788	75,739	6,312	3,156	2,914	1,457
Each Add'l Member										
Add	+4,140	+345	+173	+160	+80	+7,659	+639	+320	+295	+148

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area (SRA) Advisory Council

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council meetings will convene in Stayton, Oregon on Wednesday, April 23, 2008. These meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m., and will conclude at approximately 8:30 p.m. Meetings will be held in the South Room of the Stayton Community Center located on 400 West Virginia Street in Stayton, Oregon.

The Opal Creek Wilderness and Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Act of 1996 (Opal Creek Act) (Pub. L. 104-208) directed the Secretary of Agriculture to establish the Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area Advisory Council. The Advisory Council is comprised of

thirteen members representing state, county and city governments, and representatives of various organizations, which include mining industry, environmental organizations, inholders in Opal Creek Scenic Recreation Area, economic development, Indian tribes, adjacent landowners and recreation intersects. The council provides advice to the Secretary of Agriculture of preparation of a comprehensive Opal Creek Management Plan for the SRA, and consults on a periodic and regular basis on the management of the area. Tentative agenda items include: Elkhorn resort development presentation, abandoned mine closures, and Opal Creek management strategy.

A direct public comment period is tentatively schedule to begin at 8 p.m. Time allotted for individual presentations will be limited to 3 minutes. Written comments are encouraged, particularly if the material cannot be presented within the time limits of the comment period. Written comments may be submitted prior to scheduled meetings by sending them to Designated Federal Official Paul Matter at the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this meeting, contact Designated Federal Official Paul Matter; Willamette National Forest, Detroit Ranger District, HC 73 Box 320, Mill City, OR 97360; (503) 854-3366.

Dated: March 31, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Information Systems Technical Advisory Committee (ISTAC) will meet on April 23 and 24, 2008, 9 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution and Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration on