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New Income Guidelines Set for WIC Program

GRAND RAPIDS – New guidelines have been set for families to receive help for putting food on the table. The Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women Infants and Children (also known as WIC) recently updated the guidelines in Michigan. Participants can earn a slight bit more this year than last year’s guidelines allowed and still qualify. This federally-funded program by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) allows participants to receive benefits through the Michigan WIC bridge card. Bridge cards can be used to buy specific supplemental foods such as milk, yogurt, eggs, bread, whole wheat pasta, fresh fruit and vegetables, and infant formula at certain grocery stores and pharmacies.

“WIC is a critical component for making sure parents are receiving good educational and nutritional support and that young children are eating the right foods to help them grow into healthy adults,” said Adam London, Administrative Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department. “If someone applied for benefits before but was turned down, now may be a good opportunity to take another look to see if these new guidelines are a better fit.

The WIC program through the Kent County Health Department provides nutrition education, breastfeeding promotion, education and support, referrals to other health care providers, high risk nutrition counseling, immunizations, and supplemental foods. The supplemental foods that participants receive while on the WIC program meet daily nutrient needs such as vitamins A and C, folic acid, calcium and iron.

For more information on WIC, go to <http://www.accesskent.com/Health/WIC/> or call (616) 632-7200.

The new eligibility guidelines are as follows: (continues on next page)

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MI-WIC POLICY

Eligibility/Certification

2.0 Eligibility/Certification

Effective Date: 06/17/2019

2.05 Income Guidelines

WIC PROGRAM INCOME GUIDELINES

Effective Date: 06/17/2019

(Replaces previous guidelines effective 06/13/2018)

Family Size*	Hourly#	Weekly	Bi-Weekly	Semi-Monthly	Monthly	Annually
1	\$11.10	\$445	\$889	\$963	\$1,926	\$23,107
2	\$15.04	\$602	\$1,204	\$1,304	\$2,607	\$31,284
3	\$18.97	\$759	\$1,518	\$1,645	\$3,289	\$39,461
4	\$22.90	\$917	\$1,833	\$1,985	\$3,970	\$47,638
5	\$26.83	\$1,074	\$2,147	\$2,326	\$4,652	\$55,815
6	\$30.76	\$1,231	\$2,462	\$2,667	\$5,333	\$63,992
7	\$34.69	\$1,388	\$2,776	\$3,008	\$6,015	\$72,169
8	\$38.62	\$1,546	\$3,091	\$3,348	\$6,696	\$80,346
9	\$42.55	\$1,703	\$3,405	\$3,689	\$7,377	\$88,523
10	\$46.49	\$1,860	\$3,720	\$4,030	\$8,059	\$96,700
11	\$50.42	\$2,017	\$4,034	\$4,370	\$8,740	\$104,877
12	\$54.35	\$2,175	\$4,349	\$4,711	\$9,422	\$113,054
13	\$58.28	\$2,332	\$4,663	\$5,052	\$10,103	\$121,231
14	\$62.21	\$2,489	\$4,978	\$5,392	\$10,784	\$129,408
15	\$66.14	\$2,646	\$5,292	\$5,733	\$11,466	\$137,585
16	\$70.07	\$2,804	\$5,607	\$6,074	\$12,147	\$145,762

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For each additional family member					
Annual Income/2080	+\$158	+\$315	+\$341	+\$682	+\$8,177
*A pregnant woman is counted as one (1) + the number of infants expected (1 or more) when determining income eligibility for the family. #Equivalent to 40 hours per week x 52 weeks a year=2080 hours					

References:

Federal Register: Vol. 84, FR 17775/Friday, April 26, 2019 (2019/2020 USDA Federal Poverty Guidelines)

WIC Policy Memorandum: #2019-4 (Publication of the 2019-2020 WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines)

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