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CNMI WIC Program announces new income eligibility guidelines

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC) CNMI Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children Program (WIC) announces new income eligibility guidelines. WIC is available to CNMI's pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women; infants and children under the age of five who are at nutritional risk and who are at or below 185 percent of the federal poverty guidelines below.

WIC Income Eligibility Table by Family Size Effective May 24, 2021

Family Members in Household	Yearly Household Income	Monthly Household Income	Twice-Monthly Household Income	Bi-Weekly Household Income	Weekly Household Income
1	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$993	\$917	\$459
2	32,227	2,686	1,343	1,240	620
3	40,626	3,386	1,693	1,563	782
4	49,025	4,086	2,043	1,886	943
5	57,424	4,786	2,393	2,209	1,105
6	65,823	5,486	2,743	2,532	1,266
7	74,222	6,186	3,093	2,855	1,428
8	82,621	6,886	3,443	3,178	1,589
Each Additional Member Add	+\$8,399	+\$700	+\$350	+\$324	+\$162

All WIC income eligibility guidelines are based on gross income, meaning before taxes or other deductions. A pregnant woman is considered two family members.

A person or certain family members who participate in other benefits programs, such as the Nutrition Assistance Program (NAP) or Medicaid, automatically meet the income requirement.

To become a WIC client, call (670) 664-4084. For existing WIC clients who have an upcoming certification, it is important to maintain a working number to be reached at. If your number has changed, please call WIC to update it.

Please bring the following to your WIC appointment:

- Everyone who will be enrolling into the WIC Program
- Identification for adults (driver's license, photo ID)
- Child's identification (shot record, birth certificate, crib card)
- Proof of income (30 days of recent paystubs, Medicaid card, NAP card)
- Proof of address (mail from CUC, NAP card, map to residence)

WIC continues its efforts to ensure food access, breastfeeding support, and reassurance for young families. WIC currently serves approximately 2,800 clients on Saipan, 135 on Tinian, and 126 on Rota.

For general inquiries about the WIC Program or eligibility, call (670) 664-4084.

Stay informed and up to date with what is going on at WIC by visiting CNMI WIC's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/cnmi.wicprogram, or Instagram @cnmi.wic.

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