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POLICY UPDATE



03.31.15 Child Nutrition Programs Income Eligibility Guidelines

Adjusted eligibility guidelines to free and reduced price meals and free milk for the period from July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016 have been posted. The typical annual income limit for a family of four to qualify for reduced-price meals in the next school year is \$44,863 (although that number is higher in Alaska and Hawaii), up \$740 from last year. The annual adjustments are intended to direct benefits to those children most in need and are revised annually to account for changes in the Consumer Price Index.

[Click here](#) to read the Federal Register notice containing the income eligibility guidelines.

03.31.15 Smart Snacks Guidance Q&A's

The USDA has posted a third series of Smart Snacks Q & A's on the interim final rule. Updated or new questions contain information on are identified with asterisks. [Click here](#) to read the Q&As.

03.31.15 National Universal Product Code (NUPC) Proposed Collection

The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 directs the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a National Universal Product Code (NUPC) database for use by all WIC State agencies as they implement Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) statewide. The NUPC database will provide all WIC State agencies with access to a central repository containing comprehensive information about authorized WIC foods. Manufacturers or Distributors will be asked to provide product information in electronic format (.doc, .xls, .pdf). All responses are voluntary. FNS estimates that each of the Food Manufacturers or Distributors will be asked to provide product information 4 times per year on average.

[Click here](#) to read the Federal Register notice containing more details.

Questions or comments?

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