



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

FROM: Linda Brumble, Unit Manager
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DATE: July 23, 2010

SUBJECT: Extension of current WIC Income Guidelines

For the first time since the poverty guidelines began to be issued in 1965, the annual average Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) has decreased from the figure for the previous year. The decrease in the annual average CPI-U for 2009 announced on January 15, 2010 (see <http://www.bls.gov/news.release/pdf/cpi.pdf> [PDF - 25 pages], Table 1A), would have required HHS to issue 2010 poverty guidelines that were lower than the 2009 poverty guidelines, which would have led to the “reduction in eligibility” referred to in the Congressional explanatory language. USDA has instructed WIC State agencies to continue utilizing the current WIC income guidelines until further notice. Please share this information with all clinic staff.

If you have questions please contact Rachel Edwards, Manager, Information Response Management Group at 1- 877-341-4491 ext. 2263 or rachel.edwards@dshs.state.tx.us or your IRM liaison at 1- 877-341-4491 option 6, followed by option 4.