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**SUBJECT:** **Reissued - WIC Policy Memorandum #2015-4**  
Increase in the Cash Value Voucher for Pregnant, Postpartum, and  
Breastfeeding Women

**TO:** Regional Directors  
Supplemental Nutrition Programs  
All Regions

WIC State Agency Directors  
All States

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify WIC State agencies that the monthly value of the cash value voucher (CVV) for fruits and vegetables for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women will increase from \$10 to \$11 beginning in fiscal year (FY) 2016 on October 1, 2015. All CVVs issued to women on or after October 1, 2015 must equal \$11. Women eligible to receive 1.5 times the amount shall receive \$16.50.

### **Background**

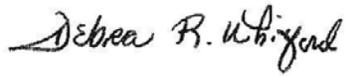
WIC regulations (7 C.F.R. §246.16) require that the monthly value of the fruit and vegetable CVV shall be adjusted annually for inflation, with the adjustments effective the first day of each FY. The inflation adjustment of the fruit and vegetable voucher shall equal the percentage (if any) by which the annual average value of the Consumer Price Index for fresh fruits and vegetables, computed from monthly values published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve months ending on March 31 of the fiscal year immediately prior to the adjustment year, exceeds the average of the monthly values of that index for the twelve months ending on March 31, 2007. If any increase in the cash value of the voucher determined under paragraph (j)(3) of this section is not a multiple of \$1, such increase shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.

### **Calculated Increase**

In FY 2016 the \$10 CVV will be inflated by 11.7 percent according to WIC regulations. Therefore, the CVV for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women will increase to \$11 in FY 2016. The CVV for children does not increase and remains at \$8.

Regional/State Directors  
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Please contact your respective FNS Office with any questions about the FY 2016 increase in the CVV for women.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debra R. Whitford".

DEBRA R. WHITFORD  
Director  
Supplemental Food Programs Division

Attachment



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**SUBJECT:** Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Increase to the Cash Value Voucher for Pregnant, Postpartum, and Breastfeeding Women

**TO:** Debra Whitford  
Director  
Supplemental Food Program Division

The monthly value of the cash value voucher (CVV) for fruits and vegetables for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women will increase from \$10 to \$11 in FY 2016 for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC).

WIC regulations (7 C.F.R. § 246.16) require that the monthly value of the fruit and vegetable CVV shall be adjusted annually for inflation, with the adjustments effective the first day of each FY. The inflation adjustment of the fruit and vegetable voucher shall equal the percentage (if any) by which the annual average value of the Consumer Price Index for fresh fruits and vegetables, computed from monthly values published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, for the twelve months ending on March 31 of the FY immediately prior to the adjustment year, exceeds the average of the monthly values of that index for the twelve months ending on March 31, 2007. If any increase in the cash value of the voucher determined under paragraph (j)(3) of this section is not a multiple of \$1, such increase shall be rounded to the next lowest multiple of \$1.

In FY 2016 the \$10 CVV will be inflated by 11.7 percent according to WIC regulations. Therefore, the CVV for pregnant, postpartum, and breastfeeding women shall increase to \$11 in FY 2016. Currently, the \$8 CVV for children is estimated to increase to \$9 in FY 2017.

Please contact Maggie Applebaum at (703) 305-2578 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jay Hirschman  
Director, Special Nutrition Research and Analysis Division  
Office of Policy Support

Indexed Cash Value Vouchers (CVV)											
voucher	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016		
	(Baseline)										
\$8 voucher (children)	\$8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
non-rounded	\$8.00	\$8.26	\$8.61	\$8.22	\$8.37	\$8.55	\$8.58	\$8.74	\$8.94		
\$10 voucher (women)	\$10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11
non-rounded	\$10.00	\$10.32	\$10.76	\$10.27	\$10.46	\$10.69	\$10.72	\$10.93	\$11.17		
<b>CPI Inflation Estimate</b>											
CPI Period:	3/31/2007	3/31/2008	3/31/2009	3/31/2010	3/31/2011	3/31/2012	3/31/2013	3/31/2014	3/31/2015		
12 months prior to...											
12-Month CPI Average:	304.32	314.05	327.42	312.63	318.33	325.29	326.29	332.52	340.03		
Inflation since baseline:		3.2%	7.6%	2.7%	4.6%	6.9%	7.2%	9.3%	11.7%		