

## Section 8: Certification, Eligibility & Coordination

### Subject: WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines

In order to financially qualify for the WIC Program, a participant's combined household gross income cannot exceed the WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEG). The WIC IEGs are 185% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines published in the Federal Register on **March 15, 2018**. The WIC IEGs listed below are in effect for Colorado beginning **July 1, 2018**.

#### WIC INCOME GUIDELINES July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

GROSS INCOME					
HOUSEHOLD SIZE*	YEARLY	MONTHLY	TWICE MONTHLY	BI-WEEKLY	WEEKLY
1	22,459	1,872	936	864	432
2	30,451	2,538	1,269	1,172	586
3	38,443	3,204	1,602	1,479	740
4	46,435	3,870	1,935	1,786	893
5	54,427	4,536	2,268	2,094	1,047
6	62,419	5,202	2,601	2,401	1,201
7	70,411	5,868	2,934	2,709	1,355
8	78,403	6,534	3,267	3,016	1,508
For each additional family member, add:	+\$ 7,992	+\$ 666	+\$ 333	+\$ 308	+\$ 154

**NOTE:** An income assessment should be conducted counting a pregnant woman as a household size of one first. If she is over income, then the agency can increase the household size by the number of fetuses in utero.

Use the following steps to manually calculate gross income. Compass calculations follow these same steps.

1. If a household has only one income source or if all income sources have the same frequency, compare the income, or the sum of the separate incomes, to the published IEGs for the appropriate frequency and household size.
2. When multiple pay periods occur within the past 30 days, a pay stub from each pay period must be presented for the full 30 days.
3. If a household reports income sources at more than one frequency, perform the following calculations:
  - Annualize all income by multiplying weekly income by 52, income received every two weeks by 26, income received twice a month by 24, and income received monthly by 12.
  - Do not round the values resulting from each conversion.

- Add together all the unrounded, converted values.
- Compare the total to the annual income for the appropriate household size to determine income eligibility.