Division of Community Nutrition

Subject: Financial Eligibility		Policy: CRT 05.0
Reference: C.F.R. § 246.7	Effective: August 1, 2025	Supersedes: August 15, 2016

I. Policy:

It is the policy of the Division of Community Nutrition that an applicant / participant shall meet federal financial eligibility requirements to receive WIC benefits. Financial eligibility shall be determined at *each* initial and subsequent certification visit and documented in the applicant's / participant's record. Financial eligibility requires income eligibility requirements are met. For information on Adjunctive eligibility determination please refer to policy CRT 05.1.

Procedure(s):

- A. Local agency personnel shall determine if financial requirements for certification are met through adjunctive eligibility.
- B. If the applicant / participant does not meet adjunctive eligibility requirements, then local agency personnel shall calculate income to determine financial eligibility.
- C. If the applicant / participant is not financially eligible for WIC benefits, local agency personnel shall inform the applicant / participant and the system will generate the Letter of Ineligibility, WIC-315.
 - 1) Applicants found ineligible <u>at</u> subsequent certifications are allowed to keep and spend the remaining eWIC food benefits issued for the certification period when they were eligible.
 - 2) Applicants found ineligible <u>prior to</u> subsequent certification due to a change in financial status shall have eWIC food benefits terminated when the determination of ineligibility has been made.
- D. Applicants / participants found financially ineligible shall be referred to programs with adjunctive eligibility.