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Cherokee Nation WIC Public Notice

The Cherokee Nation Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program provides services to eligible women who are pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum; to infants and to children up to the age of five. These services include providing nutritious foods, nutrition counseling, and referrals to health services as well as other assistance programs.

WIC has new income guidelines effective July 1, 2012. To meet income guidelines, you must earn an amount equal to or less than the maximum amount figured per their family size. For example, with the new guidelines, a family size of one whose annual income is equal to or less than \$20,667 or monthly income is equal to or less than \$1,723 is eligible for assistance. For each additional family member in the household, add \$7,326 to the total annual income allowed and \$611 for the total monthly income allowed. All members of a household will be used when determining family size. Persons who are currently enrolled in 1) Cherokee Nation Food Distribution Program, 2) SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), 3) Medicaid/SoonerCare, or 4) Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) are considered automatically income eligible for WIC services.

To qualify for WIC, a person must: 1) be physically present at certification, 2) provide identification and proof of residency, 3) be in one of the women, infants, or child categories that WIC serves, 4) be at or below income guidelines, and 5) be at medical or nutritional risk.

Contact the Cherokee Nation WIC Program at 800-256-0671, ext. 5589 or 918-453-5589 to see if you are eligible for WIC services.

Cherokee Nation WIC has also piloted the Summer EBT Nutrition Program for Children Demonstration Project. This project helps provide food benefits foods to children during the summer months who are in grades K-12 and are enrolled in the free or reduced priced meals at their school. The demonstration project covers five counties of the Cherokee Nation and includes approximately 3,544 households participating in the Summer Nutrition project.

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