



Memorandum

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TO: WIC Regional Directors
WIC Local Agency Directors

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SUBJECT: Clarification to WIC Policy Memo #23-074 - Revisions to Texas WIC Policy, CS:10.0

This memo provides clarification to the Summary of Changes listed in WIC Policy [Memo #23-074](#) – Changes to [Policy CS:10.0 Economic Unit for Income](#). Monitoring of this policy will begin on June 1, 2024.

Clarification

In Procedure II., A pregnant applicant's household size may only be increased by the number of fetus(es) if she is not adjunctly eligible and she does not meet the WIC income eligibility guidelines. Any unborn fetus(es) must be counted as part of the household size if applicant does not qualify. This is a USDA mandated change.

This means staff should first check income without increasing the size of the household and then increase if needed. You do not need to document that this was done.

Client-facing wording regarding household size

Various client-facing materials and online resources mention household size and provide instructions to clients on calculating household size.

In general, for the purposes of estimating whether a client qualifies we are slightly tweaking the messaging to tell potential clients that they can count the number of unborn infants.

For example, TexasWIC.org income guidelines and Maya (chatbot) will be updated to give pregnant applicants the option to count the number of infants they are expecting by changing the wording from “will” count/be counted to “can” count/be counted.

For myWIC and Apply Now, information will not be included about counting the number of infants the pregnant woman is expecting. Instead the directions will state for more than six household members, or if you have any income questions, call your local WIC clinic.

If you have any questions or require additional information regarding Texas WIC Policy CS:10.0 Economic Unit for Income, please contact Information Response Management Group (IRM), at the IRM Policy Inbox, IRM-Policy@hhs.texas.gov.