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WIC increases fruit and vegetable benefits to \$35 per month from May to August 2021

For the benefit months of May 2021 through August 2021 only, CNMI Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) participants (mothers and children) will get \$35 per month to buy fresh fruits and vegetables.

Participants are encouraged to check their benefit balance and load up on colorful varieties of fruits and vegetables this summer. Additionally, for shopping convenience, WIC participants may also avail of the WIC to Go services at select vendors for an extra \$10 toward fresh, canned, or frozen fruits and vegetables.

	Cash Value Benefits (CVB)	WIC to Go (\$10.00 Vouchers)
What is it?	As a result of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 passed by Congress, WIC is increasing the fruit and vegetable benefits to \$35 per month for the benefit months of May, June, July, and August 2021 for each participating woman and child.	Through the CREW Grant, participants who use WIC to Go services and purchase at least 50% of their monthly benefits are eligible for an additional \$10 incentive toward fresh, canned and/or frozen fruits and vegetables.
Who are eligible?	All participating women and children. Infants are not eligible for this increase. (i.e. Pregnant woman and two children each will receive \$35 totaling \$105 for fresh fruits and vegetables.)	All participating households who utilize WIC to Go services. (i.e. Pregnant woman and two children will receive a total of \$10 incentive towards fresh, canned or frozen fruits, and vegetable.)
What can you buy?	Fresh fruits and vegetables	Fresh, canned or frozen fruits, and vegetables

<p>Where to shop?</p>	<p>ALL WIC vendor locations:</p> <p>Saipan</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>San Roque Mart</td> <td>Capitol Hill Market</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joeten Susupe</td> <td>Blue Sky Market</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joeten Kagman</td> <td>New XO Market</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joeten Hafa Adai</td> <td>San Jose Mart</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joeten Dandan</td> <td>Hannam Market</td> </tr> </table> <p>Tinian</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>J & J Mart</td> <td>Lucky Qiang Mart</td> </tr> </table> <p>Rota</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Sinapalo Safeway</td> <td>Anne's Convenient Store</td> </tr> </table>	San Roque Mart	Capitol Hill Market	Joeten Susupe	Blue Sky Market	Joeten Kagman	New XO Market	Joeten Hafa Adai	San Jose Mart	Joeten Dandan	Hannam Market	J & J Mart	Lucky Qiang Mart	Sinapalo Safeway	Anne's Convenient Store	<p>Participating WIC to GO vendors on Saipan:</p> <p>Joeten Kagman: 256-6442 Capitol Hill Market: 322-0513 San Jose Market: 235-8200 Blue Sky Market: 483-8816 Hannam Market: 288-9290</p>
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<p>How do I get the funds?</p>	<p>Benefits are automatically uploaded to your eWIC card. Check your benefit balance before you shop.</p>	<p>If you avail of WIC to Go services and purchase at least 50% of your benefits (this does not include the CVBs), the store will notify you of the \$10 incentive.</p>														
<p>Can I benefit from both CVB and WIC to Go?</p>	<p>Yes, if you choose to use WIC to Go, you will get an additional \$10 on top of the \$35 CVB.</p>															
<p>How long will it last?</p>	<p>Temporary - Food Benefit month of May, June, July, and August 2021</p>	<p>Temporary - May and up until funds are exhausted (not to exceed October 2021)</p>														

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