











State Office Updates

Funding:

Continuing
 Resolution passed
 until September 30th
 (End of Fiscal Year)

Expenditures:

- April is a time study month
- Time study information must be submitted with expenditures

Staffing:

- The new WIC IT position was filled
- Staff started Monday 31st
- Lacey Ferrell

SO Projects

- WIC eFMNP
- WIC App
- EBT Processor
- RFP's
- ME's x2
 - Vendor Done
 - Fiscal June
- Data matching and outreach Medicaid, SNAP, TANF coming.
- Customer service survey is out.

Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

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Family & Community Health Bureau (FCHB)

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WIC Program

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Aimee Duncan MS, RD, CLC – Assistant WIC Director- Nutrition Coordinator

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Primary Responsibilities:

Nutrition policy updates; nutrition education resources & training; new employee approvals; continuing education approval; monitoring; special formula order approval; SPIRIT User Group (CCWG); Nutrition Risk Codes/High Risk Criteria; food package review; Approved Product List (APL) updates; inventory control.

Nicole Bulik CLC- Public Health Nutritionist/Breastfeeding Coordinator

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Primary Responsibilities:

Breastfeeding promotion; breast pump policies and guidance; Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program oversight; local agency monitoring; technical assistance related to any breastfeeding, nutrition and/or clinic services.

Lori Reed – Public Health Nutritionist & Vendor Coordinator

Ph: 444-2740 Email: Lori.Reed@mt.gov

Primary Responsibilities:

Local agency monitoring; technical assistance for clinic services; policy updates and implementation; program integrity and outreach activities; formula orders; supplies ordering/inventory. Kevin Moore, MS- Vendor/PS Lead Ph: 444-5530 Email: KMoore@mt.gov

Primary Responsibilities:

Vendor coordinator (outreach, training, technical assistance); retailer newsletter; peer group review and updates; retailer/LARC materials and training; policy updates and implementation; eWIC transaction research and resolution; program complaints & fraud detection.

Bailey Menager – Vendor & Farm Direct Coordinator

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Primary Responsibilities:

Farmers Market Coordinator; retailer contract management; policy updates and implementation; retail compliance investigations; retailer stocking requirements; retailer complaints; FDP reporting.

Kyra Clayton BA, MA – Outreach & Quality

Improvement Coordinator

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Primary Responsibilities:

Outreach; project management; quality improvement; collaboration & coordination with partners; website updates: newsletters; other communications.

Business/Operations Support (BSO)

Supervisor: Chris Delvaux, Bureau Chief Ph: 444-4746 Email: chris.delvaux@mt.gov

Andrew McKeever – IT Systems Lead

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Responsibilities:

SPIRIT system management; database management; data queries; helpdesk and testing oversight/back up; SPIRIT User Group member (ESC, STAC)

Chelsea Giguere - QA Analyst

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Responsibilities:

Primary Tester for SPIRIT and S3; help desk; Intake EBT/APL issues; receive and process access requests

Lacey Ferrell - QA Analyst

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Helpdesk: (800) 433-4298 x 1 wichelp@mt.gov

Responsibilities:

Tester for SPIRIT and S3; help desk; Intake EBT/APL issues; receive and process access requests





This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider

eFMNP Update

- Healthy Together Software
 - App to app transactions
 - Families will be encouraged to use app but cards available if they do not have a smart phone
- Training for locals April 2nd (done) and 8th
- Roll out aim:
 - May 23rd small pilot Missoula
 - May 26th full pilot Missoula
 - 1st week of June- full FMNP Agency roll out
- Training materials mailed out to all agencies



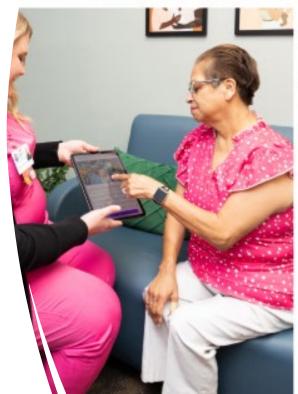
WIC App- Healthy Together

- Healthy Together Software
 - This is a platform that will transform WIC services
 - Participants
 - Screening tool- NAVA tool from NAP project
 - Online scheduling
 - Secure document uploading
 - Signatures for forms
 - Messaging
 - Online education WICSmart
 - EBT Card activities
 - Local Agency Staff- Admin portal
 - Portal to see all screens that are submitted
 - Requesting materials- documents, signatures, appointments, proofs, etc.
 - Messaging
 - Appointment reminders
 - Vendor
 - Online applications
 - Monitoring
 - State office
 - Will manage backend access
 - Reporting

Income Review

• Slides will be available in the newsletter for review

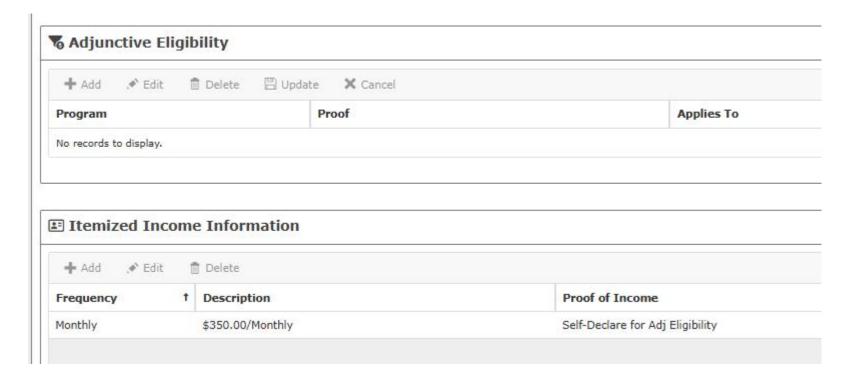






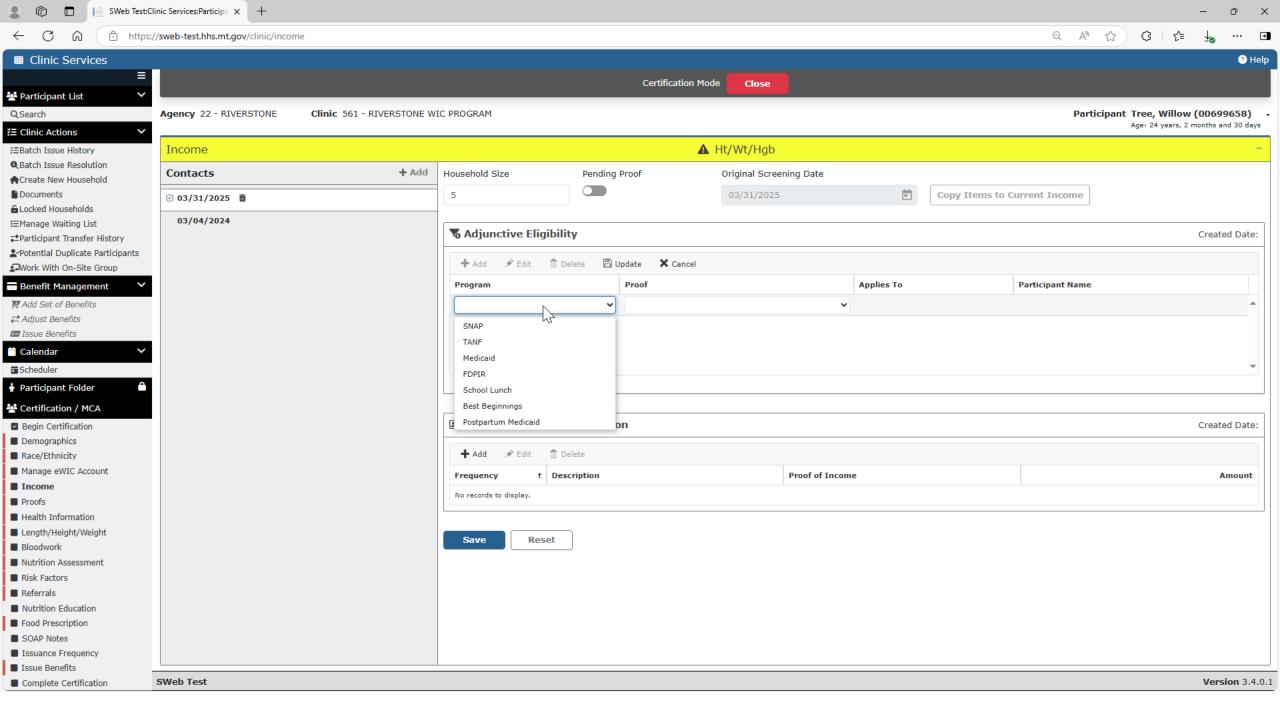
SWEB: Entering Income

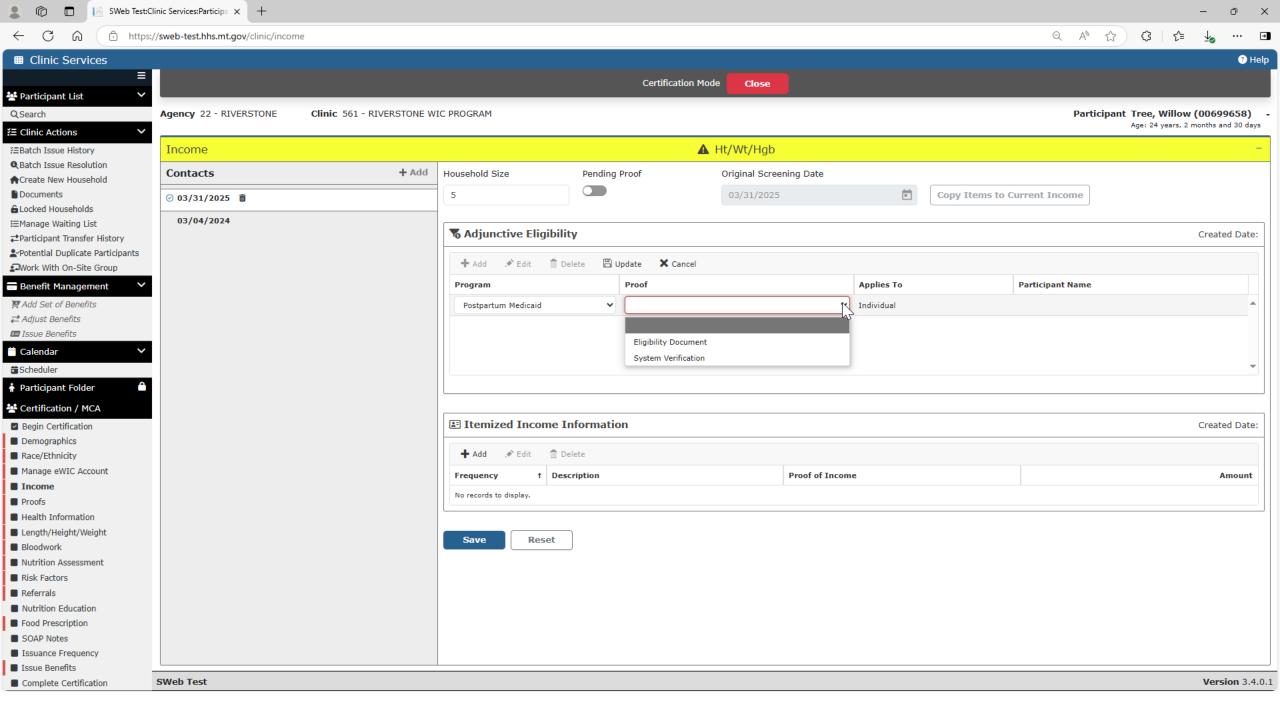
- SWEB will consider income complete if you enter itemized income
- Notice this chart is missing adjunctive eligibility

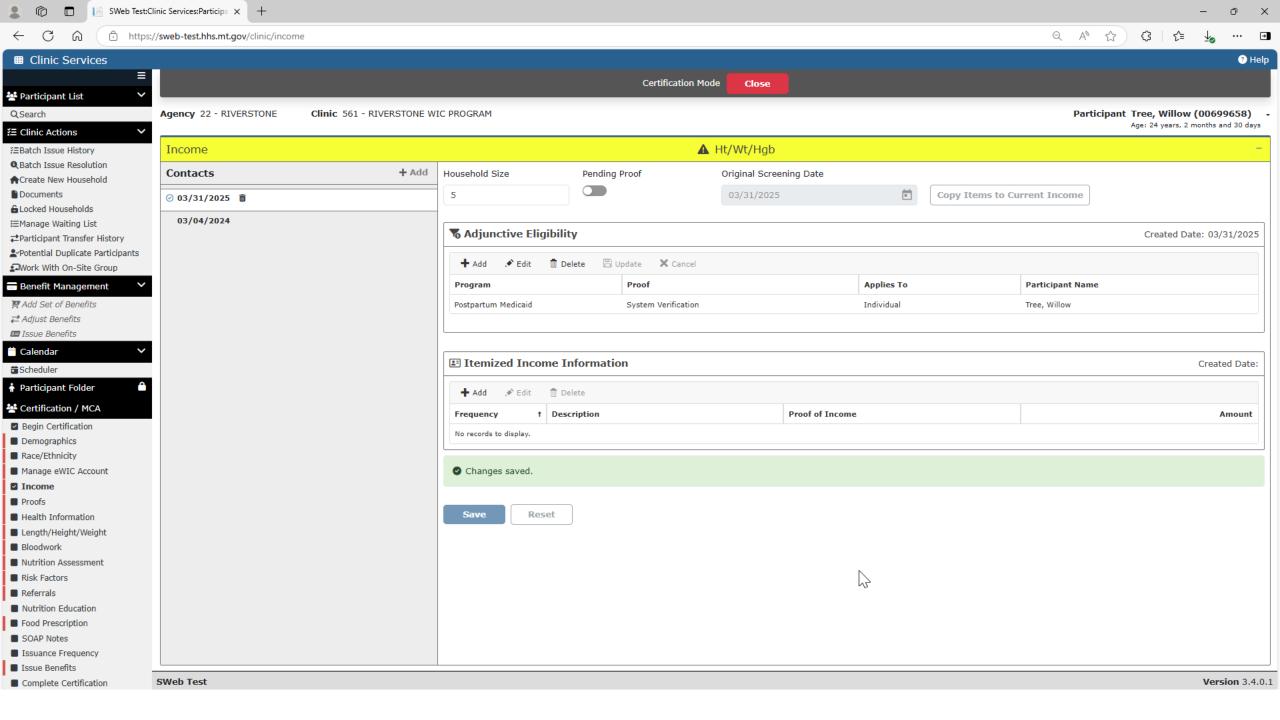


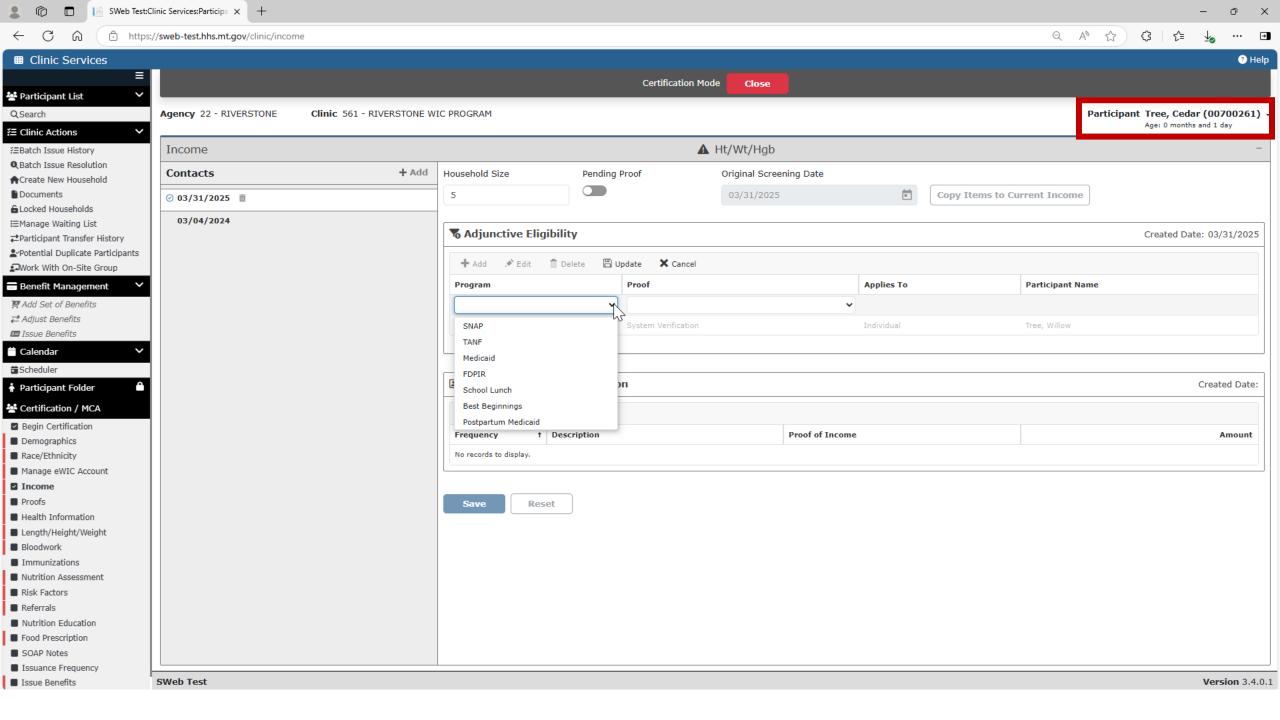
SWEB: Update- Postpartum Medicaid

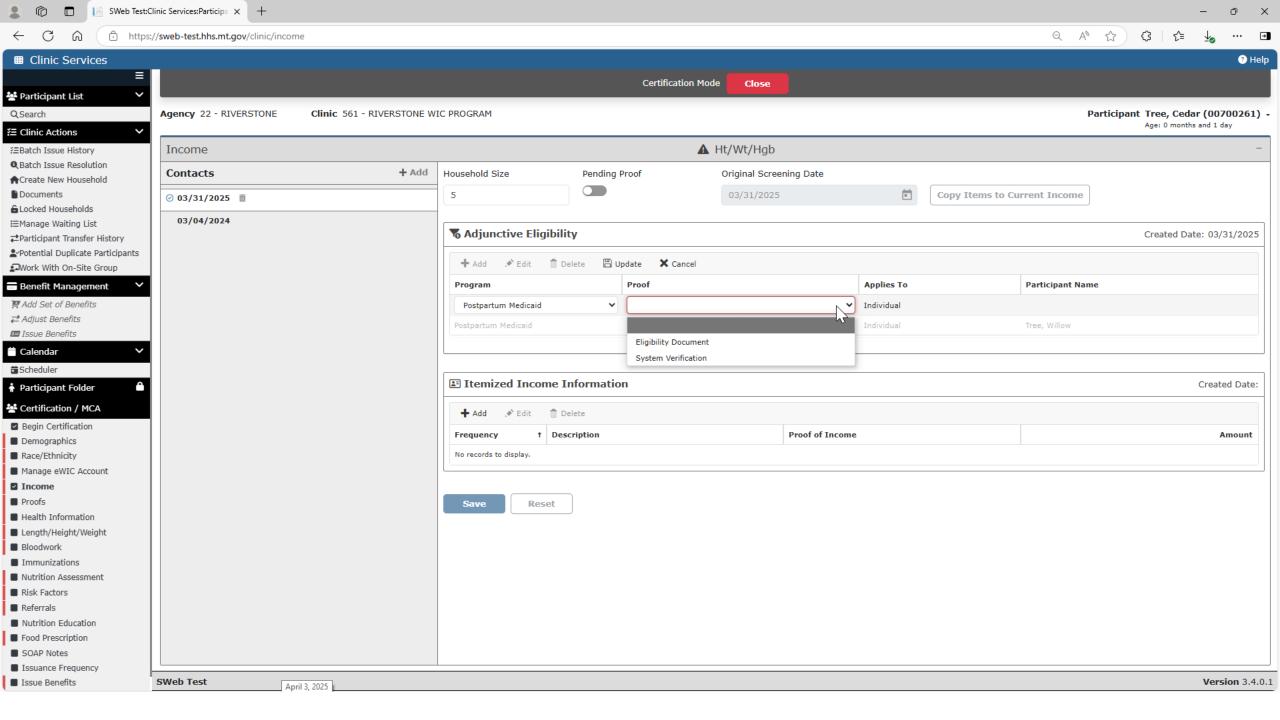
- When postpartum Medicaid used to qualify infant
 - Infant's individual Medicaid is not yet active
- Enter into SWEB using new drop-down box
 - Adjunctive eligibility "postpartum Medicaid"
 - Use this in both mom and baby's chart
- Enter stated income LAST
 - AFTER all family members have had their adjunctive eligibility entered
- New process will prevent baby from being terminated if stated income is over IEGs

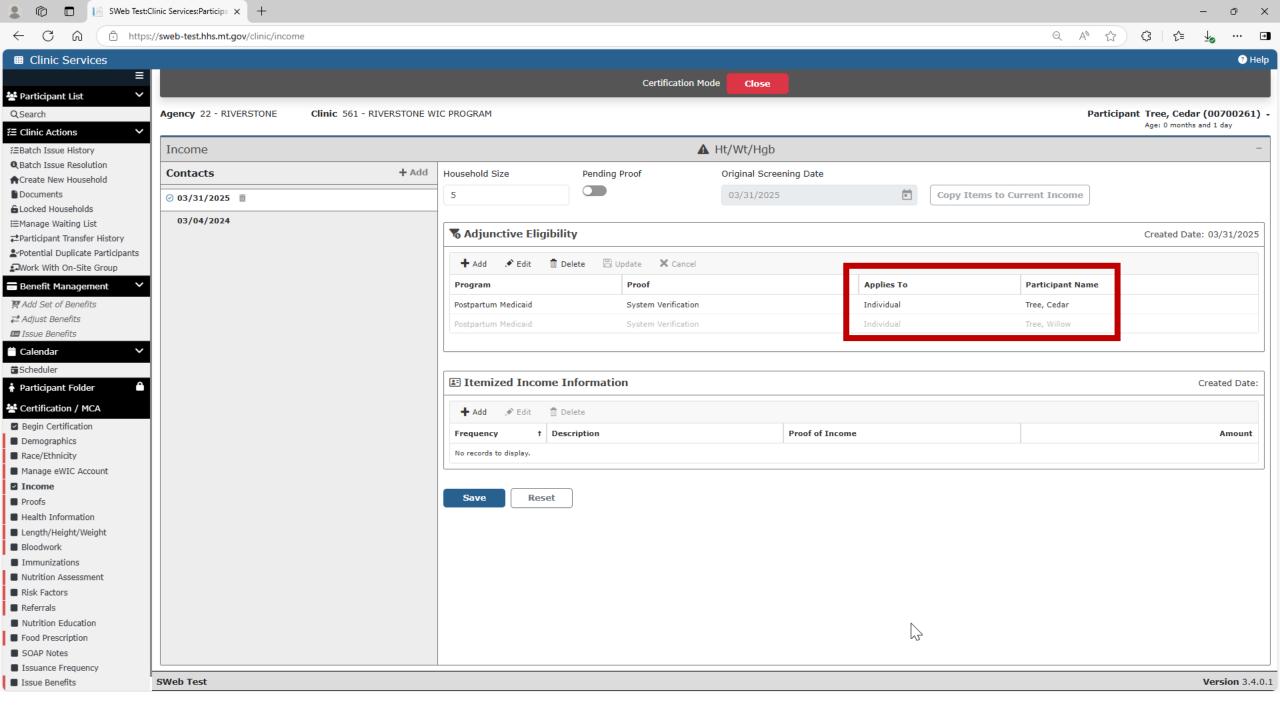


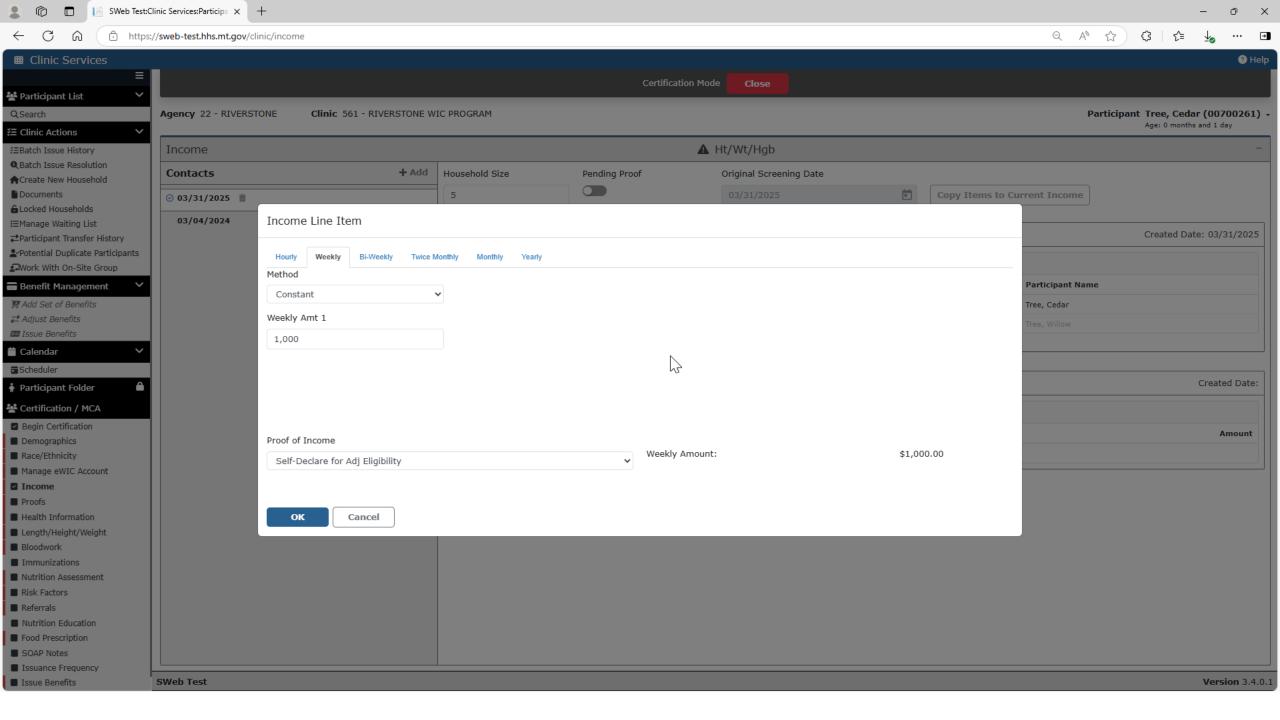


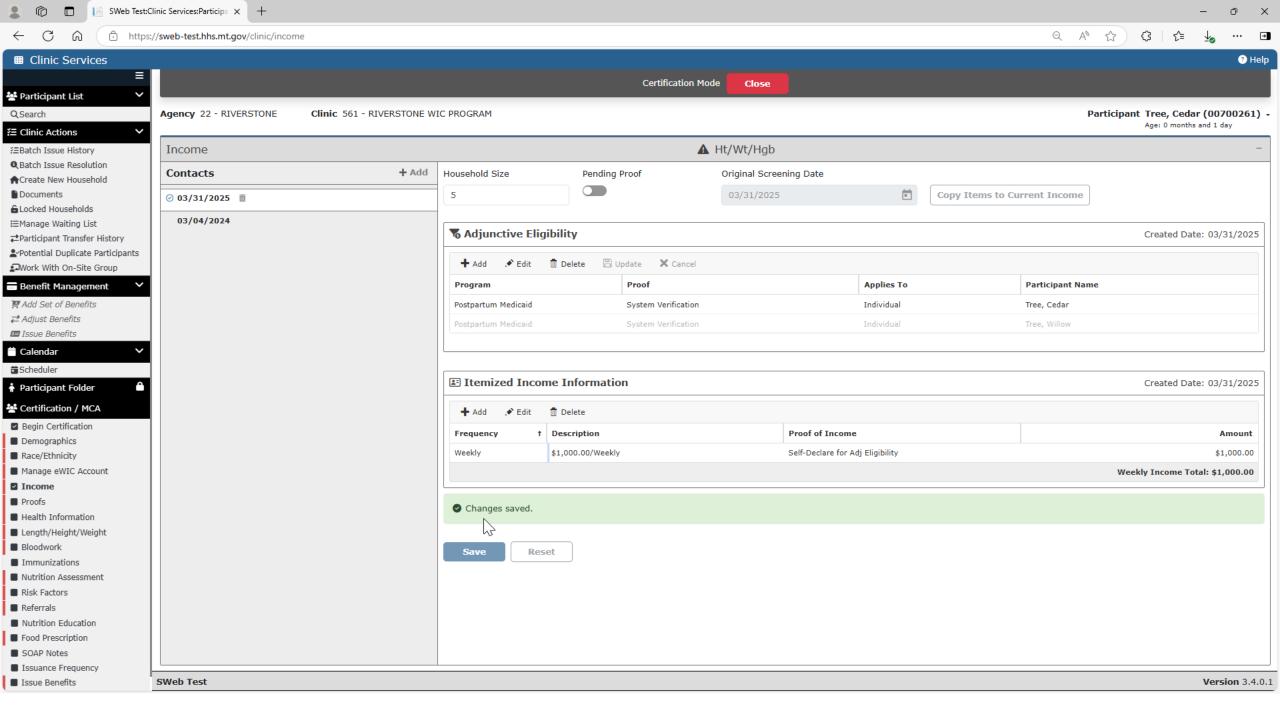










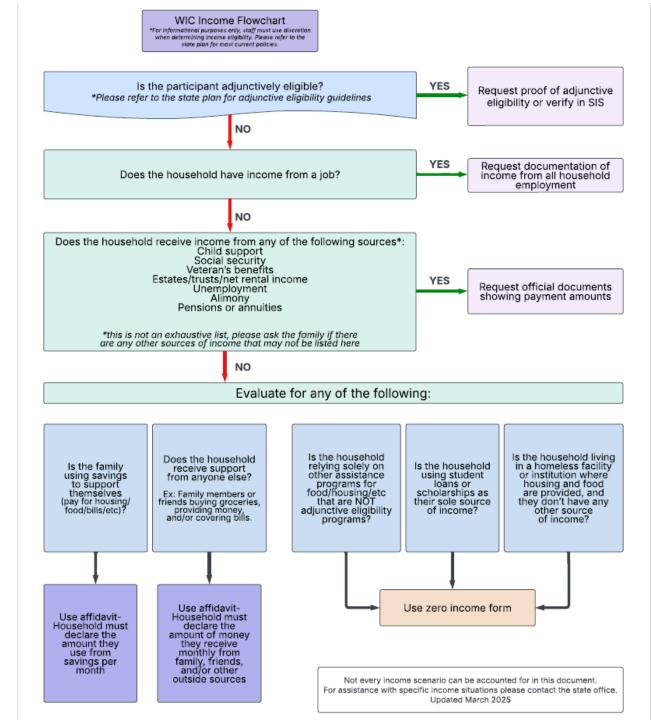


Income Review

- Zero income
 - The participant has no income
- Affidavit:
 - The participant has income from a source that cannot be verified

OR

 The household is pending income proof

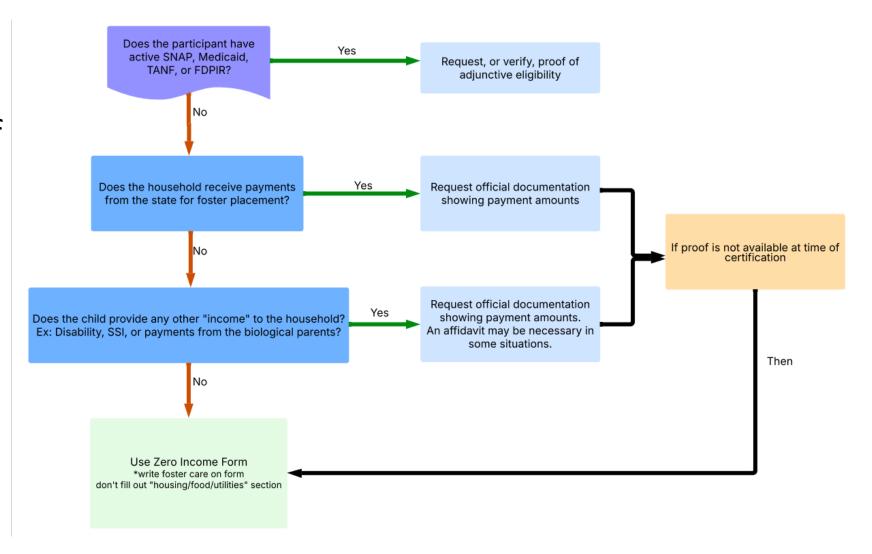


Income Reminders

- Adjunctive eligibility MUST be checked first for all participants
- There can be more than one household living under one roof
 - CPAs will need to ask question to determine this
 - Is the household mostly supported by someone else?
 - ex: are they living with a friend but providing all other resources themselves?
 - ex: are they living with grandparents who provide ALL support (food/housing/bills/etc)
- Document clearly the justification for using zero income form

Special Scenario: Foster Care

- If proof is not available at time of certification
 - Zero Income Form



IT Updates

- Continue to check the 2025 Food Package Changes Tableau report
 - https://dataportal.mt.gov/#/site/HHSWIC/ workbooks/4787/views



Vendor Updates – Fed Audit

- Completed FNS Vendor Management Evaluation with minimal findings
 - In depth review of vendor policies and procedures, & local staff interviews
 - Added claims information to interactive training topics:

eWIC Transactions & Claims

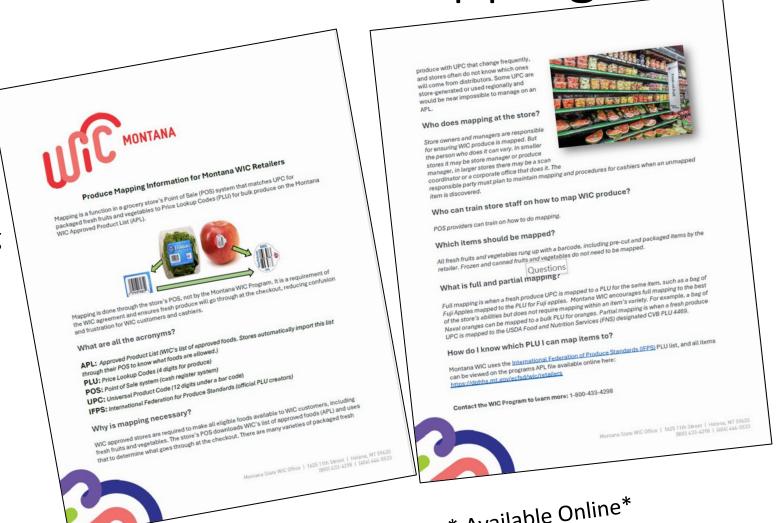
The State WIC Program monitors eWIC transactions for questionable payments, vendor overcharges, or other errors. When discovered, the following procedures apply:

- •If a vendor has committed a program violation that affects payments, the WIC Program must delay payment or establish a claim in the amount of the overcharge or error.
- •When payment is delayed or a claim established, the vendor may justify or correct the overcharge or error to rectify the issue.
- •The WIC Program has 120 days to take action on a questionable eWIC payment and must either deny payment or initiate a claim within 90 days of discovering the violation or completion of the review, whichever is later.

Vendor Updates – Produce Mapping

Goals:

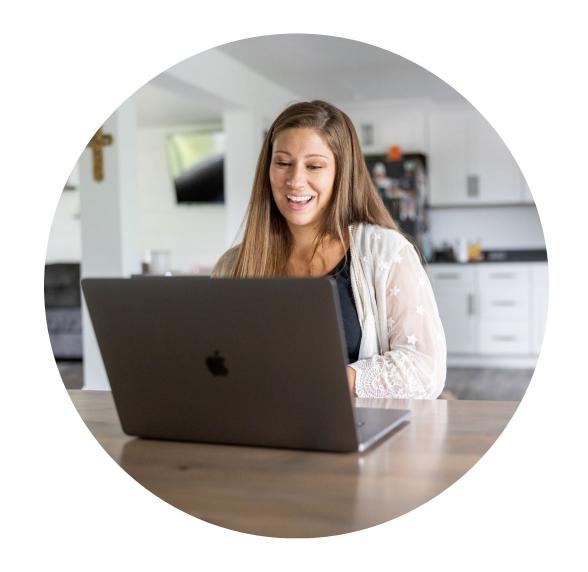
- Education about produce mapping
 - Stores
 - Staff (local & state)+
- Create a plan for testing mapping through in-store buys



New FAQ Doc* Out Now* Available Online*

Conferences, Meetings, Trainings

- WWG
 - April 10-11th, Helena, St. Peters Hospital
- NWA Annual Education and Training Conference
 - April 22-25, 2025, Las Vegas, Nevada
- Breastfeeding Learning Collaborative
 - May 19-20, 2025, Fairmont
- NWA Technology Conference
 - September 3-5, 2025 Minneapolis MN



Questions