

Increased Cash-Value Benefits (CVB) for February and March

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Continuing Resolution

Congress passed a third consecutive continuing resolution (CR) to provide temporary funding for federal agriculture programs through March 1, 2024. The CR includes the increased amounts for the WIC Cash Value Benefit (CVB), which we can provide for the **full months** of February and March.

Issue Higher CVB Amounts for February and March

As of January 23, Local Agencies should have begun issuing the higher CVB food item (*Fruit/Veg CVB – 26, 47 and 52 dollars*) for any benefits with a Printed First Date to Use (PFDTU) in February and March.

Automated Increase of CVB Amounts

On Tues., Jan. 30, the automated back-end process will be run beginning at 8:30 p.m. to increase benefits issued previously for February and March **for the lower amounts of \$10, \$12 or \$18.**

As always, HuBERT environments are **UNAVAILABLE** from 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Monday through Friday. This includes Production (clinic), State Office, System Admin, Reports, and Infoview. **Any activity in the Information System during this time will cause issues with the back-end process!**

Correct \$9, \$11, and \$16.50 CVB Amounts

There are still participants who are being issued \$9, \$11, or \$16.50 amounts for their CVBs. These amounts are **not** automatically adjusted by the back-end process to increase the CVB. Any participants currently receiving these amounts **have not received the increased CVB** amount since July 2023.

Agencies should run the Infoview report PARTICIPANTS ISSUED CVBS FOR \$9, \$11, or \$16.50 (or \$10, \$12, \$18) – AGENCY report found in the INFOVIEW TEMPLATES >> Benefits >> Agency Management folder to identify these participants and correct their benefits as soon as possible. (NOTE: You will have to export to Excel and filter by the lesser amounts to obtain this list of participants.)

Remember, the **Food Adjustment Wizard must never be used to increase the CVB.** It should only be used to VOID the future benefits that have the incorrect CVB amount.

STEPS TO CORRECT CVB:

- Identify participants issued \$9, \$11, or \$16.50 CVBs for February and March.
- Use the Food Adjustment Wizard to void all **future** benefits.

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- Create a new default food prescription.
- Add the *Fruit/Veg CVB – 26, 47 and 52 dollars.*
- Delete the default CVB food item.
- Make any other food package adjustments as appropriate.
- Re-issue the benefits with a PFDTU in the future.

My MN WIC App Notifications

We will send this My MN WIC app notification to all registered participants on Jan. 31. It will remain in their messages until Feb. 29.

Subject: Fruit/Veggie Benefits

Notification: Your fruit/veggie benefit will stay the higher amount for Feb. & March. Check your benefits before you shop! Call your local agency if you don't receive the higher amount.

Reminder: upcoming and past My MN WIC app notifications are posted to the [WIC Communications and Outreach](#) webpage.

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