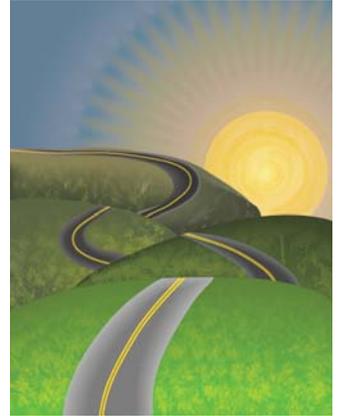




## INCOME ASSESSMENT PATH



### Explaining WIC Income Assessment to Clients:

**“In order to qualify for WIC, you must meet WIC income guidelines. USDA requires that we see documentation for ALL sources of income or proof of Medicaid, Kids Connection, Food Stamps or ADC. This is needed for all people living in your household who receive income.”**

### Income Assessment Questions:

1. Are you working? (Review pay stubs for gross income; if missing use the stated amount)  
How often do you work?
2. Does anyone else living with you work? (Review pay stubs from each job; if missing use stated amount)
3. Are you self-employed? (ie. farmer, rancher, babysitter)  
(Review income tax or bookkeeping records; if missing use the stated amount)
4. Do you or anyone living with you earn income from the following sources?
  - a. Avon, Tupperware, Tastefully Simple, Home Décor, Pampered Chef, Candles
  - b. Paper Route
  - c. Any other similar type of incomeIf yes, ask how often and to see documentation. This type of income may be uneven or sporadic, average several months.
5. Do you or anyone living with you receive money from any of the following:
  - Social Security or disability (if yes, ask how often and to see documentation)
  - Pensions or retirement check
  - Unemployment check
  - Workers compensation check
  - Child Support or Alimony Support
  - Inheritance – last 12 months
  - Lottery winner – last 12 months
6. Do you or anyone living with you:
  - Receive money or financial support from parents, relatives, friends, or any other source on a regular basis
  - Use withdrawals from savings or trust accounts to live. (Routine substantial withdrawals from a saving's account should be counted as income. Call the State if you are unsure.)
7. Do you or anyone living with you:
  - Receive money from any other source we have not already discussed?(If yes, refer to procedure manual to determine if it counts as income)

**If no to all of the above questions,  
then how do you currently pay for items like  
food,  
rent,  
gas,  
or other living expenses?**

#### Is zero income logical??

- Just lost their job? (Last 30 days)
- Just moved here?
- Living arrangements just changed?
- Living on student loans?
- In between jobs?
- On Family Medical Leave without pay?
- Started a new job, but have not received any pay yet.