

Goal: Getting Payments Right

Change from Previous FY (\$M)

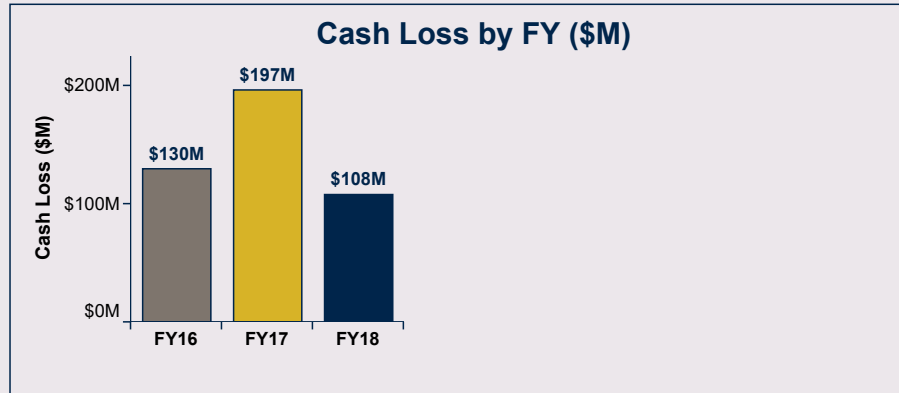
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USDA
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children

Brief Program Description:

WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition education/breastfeeding support for low-income pregnant and postpartum women, and to infants and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk.



Key Milestones	Status	ECD
1 Finalize estimated cash loss estimation methodology	Completed	Oct-18
2 Identify estimated cash loss amount for FY 2018	Completed	Oct-18
3 Identify true root causes of cash loss	Completed	Oct-18
4 Develop mitigation strategies to get the payment right the first time	Completed	Oct-18
5 Evaluate the ROI of the mitigation strategy	On-Track	Jun-19
6 Determine which strategies have the best ROI to prevent cash loss	On-Track	Jun-19

Quarterly Progress Goals	Status	Notes	ECD
1 Q2 2019 Complete the 2-year Funding and Participation target area management evaluation (ME) reporting work.	Completed	Fieldwork was completed in September 2018. Reporting work was completed in November 2018. ME follow up work will continue until all MEs are closed.	Nov-18
2 Q2 2019 Move two resources (WIC Vendor Management and Food Delivery Handbook update; and WIC Certification and Eligibility Handbook) through clearance in preparation for release.	On-Track	Both documents are in draft.	Oct-20

Recent Accomplishments	Date
1 Completed a draft update to the WIC Vendor Management and Food Delivery Handbook (draft is currently under review/in clearance).	Nov-18
2 Completed all fieldwork and reporting for the 2-year Funding and Participation ME target area.	Nov-18
3 Updated draft WIC Certification and Eligibility Handbook and continued to move through clearance (draft is currently under review/in clearance).	Jan-19

FY18 Amt(\$)	Root Cause	Root Cause Description	Mitigation Strategy	Anticipated Impact of Mitigation
\$108M	Administrative or process errors made by: state or local agency	This root cause applies because access to WIC benefits and services are dependent on State agencies to manage Program funds and caseload in accordance with federal requirements.	To ensure that WIC State/local agencies operate the Program in accordance with federal requirements, FNS conducts oversight (management evaluations), provides ongoing technical assistance, and develops resources targeted to key needs.	Areas of noncompliance will be identified through oversight, and corrected through technical assistance and the provision of resources (developed to assist State/local agencies as they develop/update policies/procedures).

Cash Loss - Cash loss to the Government includes amounts that should not have been paid and in theory should/could be recovered.