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MEMORANDUM

TO: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grantees

FROM: Jean Amison, Planning Manager
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DATE: February 2, 2015

SUBJECT: FY 2015 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Enclosed is a chart detailing 150% of the FFY 2015, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. These guidelines are for use in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The effective date for implementation of the revised poverty guidelines is April 1, 2015.

For the LIHEAP program, DEO has the responsibility for determining what constitutes income to the extent that the definition is not already contained in legislation or regulations. Enclosed is a chart which reflects income that is allowable for the LIHEAP program.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact your grant manager at (850) 717-8450.

Enclosures

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**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES***

EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015

PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD	150%
1	\$17,655
2	\$23,895
3	\$30,135
4	\$36,375
5	\$42,615
6	\$48,855
7	\$55,095
8	\$61,335
For each additional person in the household with more than 8 people, add:	\$ 4,160

*The above figures are based on the 2015 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines published at ASPE.hhs.gov.

LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENT MATRIX

HOME ENERGY BENEFITS¹ AND POVERTY LEVELS BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE AND INCOME HOUSEHOLD INCOME IN DOLLARS PER YEAR

NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD									
	50% of Poverty or Less	Over 50% of Poverty but Less than 75%		At least 75% but no more than 100% Poverty		Over 100% but no more than 125% Poverty		Over 125% but no more than 150% Poverty	
	At or Below	Annual Income at Least but No Greater Than							
1	\$5,885	\$5,886	\$8,827	\$8,828	\$11,770	\$11,771	\$14,713	\$14,714	\$17,655
2	\$7,965	\$7,966	\$11,947	\$11,948	\$15,930	\$15,931	\$19,913	\$19,914	\$23,895
3	\$10,045	\$10,046	\$15,067	\$15,068	\$20,090	\$20,091	\$25,113	\$25,114	\$30,135
4	\$12,125	\$12,126	\$18,187	\$18,188	\$24,250	\$24,251	\$30,313	\$30,314	\$36,375
5	\$14,205	\$14,206	\$21,307	\$21,308	\$28,410	\$28,411	\$35,513	\$35,514	\$42,615
6	\$16,285	\$16,286	\$24,427	\$24,428	\$32,570	\$32,571	\$40,713	\$40,714	\$48,855
7	\$18,365	\$18,366	\$27,547	\$27,548	\$36,730	\$36,731	\$45,913	\$45,914	\$55,095
8	\$20,445	\$20,446	\$30,667	\$30,668	\$40,890	\$40,891	\$51,113	\$51,114	\$61,335
9	\$22,525	\$22,526	\$33,787	\$33,788	\$45,050	\$45,051	\$56,313	\$56,314	\$67,575
10	\$24,605	\$24,606	\$36,907	\$36,908	\$49,210	\$49,211	\$61,513	\$61,514	\$73,815
11	\$26,685	\$26,686	\$40,027	\$40,028	\$53,370	\$53,371	\$66,713	\$66,714	\$80,055
12	\$28,765	\$28,766	\$43,147	\$43,148	\$57,530	\$57,531	\$71,913	\$71,914	\$86,295
13	\$30,845	\$30,846	\$46,267	\$46,268	\$61,690	\$61,691	\$77,113	\$77,114	\$92,535
14	\$32,925	\$32,926	\$49,387	\$49,388	\$65,850	\$65,851	\$82,313	\$82,314	\$98,775
15	\$35,005	\$35,006	\$52,507	\$52,508	\$70,010	\$70,011	\$87,513	\$87,514	\$105,015
16	\$37,085	\$37,086	\$55,627	\$55,628	\$74,170	\$74,171	\$92,713	\$92,714	\$111,255
17	\$39,165	\$39,166	\$58,747	\$58,748	\$78,330	\$78,331	\$97,913	\$97,914	\$117,495
18	\$41,245	\$41,246	\$61,867	\$61,868	\$82,490	\$82,491	\$103,113	\$103,114	\$123,735
19	\$43,325	\$43,326	\$64,987	\$64,988	\$86,650	\$86,651	\$108,313	\$108,314	\$129,975
20	\$45,405	\$45,406	\$68,107	\$68,108	\$90,810	\$90,811	\$113,513	\$113,514	\$136,215
LIHEAP HOME ENERGY BENEFIT¹	\$300 to \$475**			\$250 to \$425**		\$200 to \$375**		\$150 to \$325**	

**Additional Assistance if applicant household includes:

(1) Elderly	\$50
(2) Disabled	\$50
(3) Applicant with child age 5 or younger:	\$75

¹These benefit levels are effective April 1, 2015

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
FY 2015 SOURCES OF INCOME
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2015**

INCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME (Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)	EXCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions 2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses) 3. Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses) 4. <u>REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:</u> Social Security Railroad retirement Unemployment compensation Strike benefits from union funds Worker's compensation Veteran's payments Public Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, and non-federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments. 5. Payments to foster children age 18 or older received through the Independent Living Program 6. Training stipends 7. Alimony 8. Child Support 9. Social Security Benefit Garnishes for Non-Payment of School Loans. (The total amount of the Social Security Retirement benefit including the garnished deduction must be used when calculating the applicant's income.) 10. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household 11. Private pensions 12. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay) 13. Regular insurance or annuity payments 14. Educational Assistance: Grants, Fellowships, Assistantships, College or University Scholarships – <u>Only count as income those funds specifically allotted for living expenses</u> 15. Dividends 16. Interest 17. Net rental income 18. Net royalties 19. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts 20. Net gambling or lottery winnings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>CAPITAL GAINS</u> Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car. 2. Tax Refunds 3. Gifts 4. Loans 5. Lump-sum inheritances 6. One-time insurance payments 7. Foster Care Payments* 8. Compensation for injury 9. Combat zone pay to the military 10. Adoption Subsidies 11. <u>NON-CASH BENEFITS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits (b) Food or housing received in lieu of wages (c) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms. (d) The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing. (e) Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance. 12. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits cannot be garnished for any reason <u>unless</u> a recipient received an overpayment of benefits. The total amount of the SSI benefit minus the garnished deduction for recoupment must be used when calculating the applicant's income. <p>*Persons whose cost of residence is paid through a foster care or residential program administered by the state <u>cannot</u> be counted as household members.</p>