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TO: Workforce Development Board Chairs
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DATE: June 5, 2017

SUBJECT: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines and U.S. Department of Labor's 2017 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)

PURPOSE: The United States Department of Health and Human Services has released updated poverty guidelines. The following table incorporates the updated figures that may be used to calculate income levels to determine eligibility for participation in various state and federally funded programs and to prioritize services when funding is limited.

REFERENCES:

- Federal Register /Vol. 82, No. 19 /Tuesday, January 31, 2017 /Notices; Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines
- Federal Register/Vol. 82, No. 98/Tuesday, May 23, 2017/Notices; Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) 2017; Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) issued May 23, 2017
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 3(36)(A)(B);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 127(b)(2)(C);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(c)(3)(E);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(d)(3); and
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB), Metropolitan and Micropolitan Statistical Areas, July 2015.

MESSAGE: The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIOA. Specifically, WIOA defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and the terms "disadvantaged youth" and "disadvantaged adult" in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments.

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The governor and state/local workforce development boards (LWDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and adults for certain services.

**Poverty Income Guidelines
70% Lower Living Standard Income Levels
100% LLSIL for Determining Self-Sufficiency Oklahoma WIOA Programs**

Size Of Family	2017 HHS Poverty Guidelines	2017 Metro 70% LLSIL	2017 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL	2017 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency	
				Metro (South)	Non-Metro (South)
1	\$12,060	\$9,216	\$9,078	\$13,166	\$12,968
2	\$16,240	\$15,101	14,872	\$21,573	\$21,245
3	\$20,420*	\$20,727*	\$20,411	\$29,609	\$29,159
4	\$24,600	\$25,588	\$25,197	\$36,555	\$35,995
5	\$28,780	\$30,201	\$29,734	\$43,144	\$42,478
6	\$32,960	\$35,321	\$34,773	\$50,459	\$49,676
7	\$37,140	\$40,441	\$39,812	\$57,774	\$56,874
8	\$41,320	\$45,561	\$44,851	\$65,089	\$64,072
For each additional family member add:	\$4,180	\$5,120	\$5,039	\$7,315	\$7,198

*Utilize the HHS poverty guideline for a family of 3 in a non-metropolitan area, and the metro 70% LLSIL for a family of 3 in a metropolitan area.

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the above tables to determine economically disadvantaged status according to family size. Compare the family income to the HHS Poverty Guidelines or the 70% LLSIL, whichever is greater.

The 100% LLSIL is used to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. These are the minimum figures locals must use for determining whether employed adults are in need of intensive services in order to obtain or retain employment leading to self-sufficiency.

METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS COUNTIES INCLUDE: Canadian, Comanche, Cleveland, Cotton, Creek, Garfield, Grady, LeFlore, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.

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