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TO: Workforce Investment Board Chairs
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SUBJECT: HHS Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for 2012 and the 70% and 100% LLSIL Guidelines for 2011*

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. The update became effective on the date it was published in the Federal Register—January 26, 2012.

REFERENCES: WIA Section 101(25) defines the term “low income individual for eligibility purposes”. WIA section 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) defines the terms “disadvantaged adult” and “disadvantaged youth” in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for purposes of State allotments. 20 CFR, Part 663.230 and WIA section 134(d)(3)(A)(ii) sets 100 percent LLSIL as a minimum for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency under WIA programs.

MESSAGE: The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIA: specifically, the local WIBs use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth and eligibility for employed adult workers for certain services.

ACTION: This OWDI is to become a part of your permanent records and made available to appropriate staff and sub-recipients.

RECISSIONS: This issuance rescinds OETI #04-2011.

INQUIRIES: If you have any questions about this issuance, please contact Robyn Coman at 405-815-5322, robyn_coman@okcommerce.gov.

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

Size Of Family	2012 HHS Poverty Guidelines	2011 Metro 70% LLSIL	2011 Non-Metro 70% LLSIL	2011 100% LLSIL Self-Sufficiency	
				Metro	Non-Metro
1	\$ 11,170	\$ (8447)	\$ (8,265)	\$ 12,068	\$ 11,807
2	\$ 15,130	\$ (13,841)	\$ (13,540)	\$ 19,773	\$ 19,342
3	\$ 19,090	\$ (18,998)	\$ (18,583)	\$ 27,140	\$ 25,547
4	\$ 23,050	\$ 23,454	\$ (22,940)	\$ 33,506	\$ 32,771
5	\$ 27,010	\$ 27,682	\$ 27,071	\$ 39,545	\$ 38,673
6	\$ 30,970	\$ 32,375	\$ 31,659	\$ 46,250	\$ 45,227
7	\$ 34,930	\$ 37,068	\$ 36,247	\$ 52,955	\$ 51,781
8	\$ 38,890	\$ 41,761	\$ 40,835	\$ 59,660	\$ 58,335
For each additional family member add	\$ 3,960	\$ 4,693	\$ 4,588	\$ 6,705	\$ 6,554

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 to determine the minimum level for establishing self-sufficiency criteria at the local level. This is the minimum figure locals must set for determining whether employment leads to self-sufficiency under WIA programs.

METRO COUNTIES INCLUDE: Canadian, Cleveland, Comanche, Creek, Garfield, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Osage, Pottawatomie, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.

*New figures for the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) should be released within the next two months, at which time the table will be further updated.