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**SUBJECT:** Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Update on Publication of Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines (Poverty Guidelines) and Income Guidelines (IGs) for 2010

**TO:** Regional Directors  
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State Directors  
CSFP and TEFAP State Agencies  
All Participating States

The purpose of this memorandum is to transmit the 2010 IGs to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in CSFP. We previously provided an update on the delayed publication of the Poverty Guidelines and the impact on 2010 IGs in a memorandum dated February 3, 2010.

These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with 7 CFR Part 247. CSFP regulations, at Section 247.9(b)(1), establish household income limits for women, infants, and children at, or below, 185 percent of the Poverty Guidelines, but not below 100 percent of these guidelines. Section 247.9(b)(1) further requires the State agency to consider certain women, infants, and children as income-eligible regardless of actual income, including those individuals who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as the Food Stamp Program), Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Medicaid benefits. Section 247.9(c) requires elderly persons to have household income at or below 130 percent of the Poverty Guidelines. To establish annual income limits of 130 and 185 percent, the Poverty Guidelines are multiplied by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and the results are rounded up to the next whole dollar. From these results, weekly and monthly income limits are calculated.

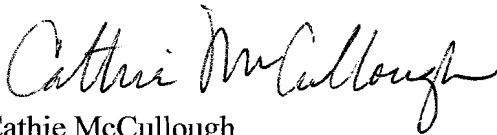
The Poverty Guidelines for 2010, published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2010 at 75 FR 45628, showed no change from the 2009 Poverty Guidelines. Accordingly, the 2010 IGs in the attached tables, which contain the income limits by household size to be used for eligibility determinations in the CSFP, remain the same as in 2009. The first table contains the income limits for households residing in the 48 contiguous States and the District of Columbia. Separate income limits for Alaska and Hawaii are established and published annually by HHS. The second table contains the income limits for CSFP households residing in Alaska. The 2010 IGs will remain in effect until notification of revised guidelines in 2011.

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CSFP regulations, at section 247.9(e)(1), define “income” as gross income before deductions for such items as income taxes, employees’ social security taxes, insurance premiums, and bonds. Sections 247.9(e)(2) and (e)(3) list income exclusions, and other income exclusions are provided via policy memoranda available online at the Food and Nutrition Service’s (FNS) website at <http://www.commodityfoods.usda.gov>.

State agencies should direct any questions they may have regarding the IGs to their FNS Regional Offices.



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Attachment

ATTACHMENT

CSFP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES--2010

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$10,830	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$271
2.....	14,570	26,955	2,247	519	18,941	1,579	365
3.....	18,310	33,874	2,823	652	23,803	1,984	458
4.....	22,050	40,793	3,400	785	28,665	2,389	552
5.....	25,790	47,712	3,976	918	33,527	2,794	645
6.....	29,530	54,631	4,553	1,051	38,389	3,200	739
7.....	33,270	61,550	5,130	1,184	43,251	3,605	832
8.....	37,010	68,469	5,706	1,317	48,113	4,010	926
<b>For each add'l household member, add...</b>	3,740	6,919	577	134	4,862	406	94

ALASKA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$13,530	\$25,031	\$2,086	\$482	\$17,589	\$1,466	\$339
2.....	18,210	33,689	2,808	648	23,673	1,973	456
3.....	22,890	42,347	3,529	815	29,757	2,480	573
4.....	27,570	51,005	4,251	981	35,841	2,987	690
5.....	32,250	59,663	4,972	1,148	41,925	3,494	807
6.....	36,930	68,321	5,694	1,314	48,009	4,001	924
7.....	41,610	76,979	6,415	1,481	54,093	4,508	1,041
8.....	46,290	85,637	7,137	1,647	60,177	5,015	1,158
<b>For each add'l household member, add...</b>	4,680	8,658	722	167	6,084	507	117

\*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. For women, infants, and children applicants, each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted guidelines at the same time that the WIC State agency implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC.