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Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Memorandum Number E&T 01-16

Topic: 2001 Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)

Subject: Notice of determination of income guidelines for persons defined as "low income individuals"

Purpose: To provide LWIAs with an income guideline table containing calculated poverty levels provided by HHS and Metro and Non-Metro LLSIL for the Southern region.

Background: The Workforce Investment Act of 1998 (Public Law 105-220) defines the term "Low Income Individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL. Attached is a table containing the annual LLSIL for 2001 and the HHS poverty guidelines. The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIA: specifically, WIA Section 101(25) defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes; Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132 (b)(1)(IV) defines the terms "disadvantaged adult," and "disadvantaged youth" in terms for the poverty line of LLSIL for purposes of state allotments. The HHS 2001 Poverty guidelines may be found on the Internet at: <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/poverty/01poverty.htm>. The 2001 LLSIL is available on its web site at: <http://wdsc.doleta.gov/lisil/lisil01.asp>.

Instructions: A table is attached with the HHS poverty guidelines and 70 percent Metro and Non-Metro LLSIL. To use this table, compare the poverty level for the family size against either the Metro or Non-Metro LLSIL, depending on the county of residence, using the higher of the two in order to qualify the participant as disadvantaged under WIA.

If the LWIA has reached limited funding (see E&T policy 00-10 and its attachment), the area will utilize this table to determine eligibility under the priority system (see E&T policy 00-11).

Contact: For questions regarding this policy, please contact Susie Bourque, Performance Coordinator, Employment and Training Section, at (615) 741-4092.

Effective Date: Immediate

Expiration Date: Indefinite

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert L. Miller". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "M".

Robert L. Miller, Administrator
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Attachment

Workforce Investment Income Guidelines			
Family Size	Poverty Level	LLSIL* – Metro	LLSIL – Non-Metro
1	\$8,590	\$6,700	\$6,380
2	\$11,610	\$10,980	\$10,450
3	\$14,630	\$15,080	\$14,350
4	\$17,650	\$18,610	\$17,710
5	\$20,670	\$21,960	\$20,900
6	\$23,690	\$25,690	\$24,440
7	\$26,710	\$29,420	\$27,980
8	\$29,730	\$33,150	\$31,520
9	\$32,750	\$36,880	\$35,060
10	\$35,770	\$40,610	\$38,600
11	\$38,790	\$44,340	\$42,140
12	\$41,810	\$48,070	\$45,680
	Add \$3,020 for each additional family member	Add \$3,730 for each additional family member	Add \$3,540 for each additional family member
<i>*Lower Living Standard Income Level</i>			
To use this chart, compare the poverty level for the family size against either the Metro or Non-Metro LLSIL, depending on the county of residence, using the higher of the two.			
Note: Metro LLSIL levels can only be used for the following counties:			
Anderson, Blount, Carter, Cheatham, Davidson, Dickson, Grainger, Hamilton, Hawkins, Jefferson, Knox, Madison, Marion, Montgomery, Robertson, Rutherford, Sequatchie, Sevier, Shelby, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Unicoi, Union, Washington, Williamson, Wilson.			

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