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TO: Directors, County Departments of Job and Family Services

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SUBJECT: Federal Poverty Guideline Update

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update of the United States Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) annual poverty guidelines for those county agencies who utilize the federal poverty guideline measure in their Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program. DHHS published the 2016 federal poverty guidelines on January 25, 2016. These guidelines go into effect on the day they are published unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program. If a county agency PRC plan includes a specific date to apply the new federal poverty guideline, adjustments should be made by that date.

The attached chart contains percentages of the federal poverty guideline which a county agency may currently utilize. For those county agencies that use a different percentage than what is provided on the chart, the formula used to compute the monthly amount is provided below:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Annual FPG} \div 12 \text{ months (rounded up)} &= 100\% \text{ monthly FPG} \\ \text{Annual FPG} \times \% \text{ FPG} \div 12 \text{ (rounded up)} &= \text{Monthly Amount/Assistance Group Size} \end{aligned}$$

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