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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 Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) annual poverty guidelines for those county departments of job and family services (CDJFS) who utilize the federal poverty guideline (FPG) measure in their Prevention, Retention, and Contingency (PRC) program. DHHS has published the 2006 FPG in the Federal Register on January 24, 2006. 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 CDJFS' PRC plan includes a specific date to apply the new FPG, adjustments should be made by that date.

The chart contains the same range of percentages which CDJFS may utilize. For those counties that use different percentage amounts than what is provided, the formula used to compute the monthly amount is provided below.

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

Attachment

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