



Child Care Manual Procedure Letter No. 146

TO: All Child Care Manual Holders  
FROM: Matthew Damschroder, Director  
SUBJECT: 2021 Update to Child Care Income Eligibility Standards

Background:

The Child Care income eligibility standards are updated annually after the release of the Federal Poverty Guidelines by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

Implementation of New Income Eligibility Standards:

The Child Care Information Data System (CCIDS) has been updated to include the October 1, 2021 Income Eligibility Standards. All applications, redeterminations and case updates processed on or after October 1, 2021 will be based on these new standards.

The monthly income standards are as follows:

Family Size	2021 Federal Poverty Level (100%) Annually	2021 Federal Poverty Level (100%) Monthly	Maximum Monthly Income Limit for Initial Eligibility* (142%)	Maximum Monthly Income Limit for Transitional Eligibility* (150%)	Maximum Monthly Income Limit for Special Need Eligibility* (150%)	Maximum Monthly Income Limit for Ongoing Eligibility* (300%)
2	\$17,420	\$1,452	\$2,062	\$2,178	\$2,178	\$4,355
3	\$21,960	\$1,830	\$2,599	\$2,745	\$2,745	\$5,490
4	\$26,500	\$2,209	\$3,136	\$3,313	\$3,313	\$6,625
5	\$31,040	\$2,587	\$3,674	\$3,880	\$3,880	\$7,760
6	\$35,580	\$2,965	\$4,211	\$4,448	\$4,448	\$8,895
7	\$40,120	\$3,344	\$4,748	\$5,015	\$5,015	\$10,030
8	\$44,660	\$3,722	\$5,285	\$5,583	\$5,583	\$11,165

These amounts are determined using the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines as published in the Federal Register on February 1, 2021. If the family size is above 8, add \$4,540 to the annual income for each additional household member.

**Note:** A caretaker may be eligible for Transitional Child Care in the 12-month period immediately following the end of their participation in Ohio Works First (OWF), if they need child care due to employment.

**Copayment Desk Aid:** The family copayment desk aid has been updated based on the new income eligibility standards. The new desk aid is attached to this letter.

Please contact the Child Care Policy Helpdesk at 1-877-302-2347, option 4, or at [childcarepolicy@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:childcarepolicy@jfs.ohio.gov) if you have any questions.

