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**TO:** Chief Local Elected Officials  
Workforce Development Board Chairs  
Workforce Development Board Staff

**FROM:** Don Morris, Executive Director

**DATE:** July 28, 2022

**SUBJECT:** U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) 2022 Poverty Guidelines and U.S. Department of Labor's 2022 70% and 100% Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)

**Purpose:** The United States Department of Health and Human Services has released updated poverty guidelines. The following table incorporates the updated figures that may be used to calculate income levels to determine eligibility for participation in various state and federally funded programs and to prioritize services.

**REFERENCES:**

- Federal Register/Vol. 66 / Wednesday, **April 6, 2022**/Notices
- Federal Register/Vol. 87, No. 14 / Friday, **January 21, 2022**/Notices
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 3(36)(A)(B);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 127(b)(2)(C);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(c)(3)(E);
- WIOA Public Law 113-128, Section 134(d)(3)

**MESSAGE:** The poverty guidelines are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

The LLSIL is used for several purposes under the WIOA. Specifically, WIOA Section 3(36) defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and Sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(IV) define the terms "disadvantaged youth" and "disadvantaged adult" in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for State formula allotments.

The Governor and state and local workforce development boards (LWDBs) use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for WIOA youth and for determining low income status for the statutory priority for adult funds.

| Size<br>Of<br>Family                                                                                     | 2022<br>HHS<br>Poverty<br>Guidelines | 2022<br>Non-Metro<br>70% LLSIL | 2022<br>Metro<br>70% LLSIL | 2022<br>100% LLSIL<br>Self-Sufficiency |          |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|----------|
|                                                                                                          |                                      |                                |                            | Non-Metro                              | Metro    |
| 1                                                                                                        | \$13,590                             | \$10,087                       | \$10,382                   | \$14,410                               | \$14,832 |
| 2                                                                                                        | \$18,310                             | \$16,525                       | \$17,011                   | \$23,606                               | \$24,302 |
| 3                                                                                                        | \$23,030                             | \$22,680                       | \$23,349                   | \$32,400                               | \$33,355 |
| 4                                                                                                        | \$27,750                             | \$27,997                       | \$28,826                   | \$39,996                               | \$41,180 |
| 5                                                                                                        | \$32,470                             | \$33,039                       | \$34,021                   | \$47,199                               | \$48,602 |
| 6                                                                                                        | \$37,190                             | \$38,638                       | \$39,790                   | \$55,198                               | \$56,843 |
| 7                                                                                                        | \$41,910                             | \$44,237                       | \$45,559                   | \$63,197                               | \$65,084 |
| 8                                                                                                        | \$46,630                             | \$49,836                       | \$51,328                   | \$71,196                               | \$73,325 |
| For families/households<br>with more than 8 persons,<br>add these amounts for<br>each additional person. | \$4,720                              | \$5,599                        | \$5,769                    | \$7,999                                | \$8,241  |

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Use the above tables to determine economically disadvantaged status according to family size.

Where the poverty level for a particular family size is greater than the corresponding 70 percent of the LLSIL figure, the figure is shaded.

The 100% LLSIL is used to determine self- sufficiency as noted at Section 3 (36)(A)(ii) and Section 3 (36)(B) of WIOA.

**When are the poverty guidelines effective?** The poverty guidelines and LLSIL are effective on the date of this notice.

**METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL ANALYSIS COUNTIES INCLUDE:** Canadian, Comanche, Cleveland, Cotton, Creek, Garfield, Grady, Lincoln, Logan, McClain, Oklahoma, Okmulgee, Osage, Pawnee, Rogers, Sequoyah, Tulsa, and Wagoner.

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