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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Income Guidelines for 2017

TO: Regional Directors
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State Directors
CSFP State Agencies
All Participating States

This memorandum transmits the 2017 Income Guidelines (IGs) for State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in CSFP. These guidelines should be used in conjunction with CSFP regulations, at 7 CFR Part 247. The Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the Farm Bill) amended CSFP's eligibility requirements to phase out the participation of women, infants, and children (w-i-c) participating in the program. Accordingly, the 2017 IGs are applicable only to those w-i-c participants who were certified and enrolled in CSFP as of February 6, 2014. Because all women and infants have transitioned off the program, the 2017 IGs forego reference to these individuals. Only children and elderly individuals 60 years of age and older remain on the program. Finally, the IGs for children are not applicable in those States that joined CSFP for the first time in 2015 or later, as they joined after enactment of the Farm Bill and must only serve eligible elderly individuals.

Program regulations at 7 CFR Part 247.9(b)(1) establish that household income limits for children must be at, or below, 185 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (Poverty Guidelines) published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), but not below 100 percent of these guidelines. Part 247.9(b)(1) further requires State agencies to consider certain children as income-eligible regardless of actual income, including those individuals who receive benefits from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Medicaid. Program regulations at 7 CFR Part 247.9(c) require that elderly persons have household income at or below 130 percent of the Poverty Guidelines in order to be eligible for the program. To establish annual income limits of 130 and 185 percent, the Poverty Guidelines are multiplied by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and the results are rounded up to the next whole dollar. From these results, weekly and monthly income limits are calculated.

The 2017 IGs in the attached tables contain the maximum income limits by household size to be used for eligibility determinations in CSFP. The first table contains the income limits for households residing in the 48 contiguous States and the District of

Columbia. Separate income limits for Alaska and Hawaii are established and published annually by HHS. The second and third tables contain the income limits for CSFP households residing in Alaska and Hawaii.

Pursuant to program regulations, CSFP State agencies must implement the 2017 IGs immediately upon receipt of this memorandum for elderly participants, and where applicable, implement the IGs for children at the same time the State agency administering the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC. The guidelines for both elderly and children remain in effect until notification of the CSFP IGs for 2018.

CSFP regulations at 7 CFR Part 247.9(e)(1) define “income” as gross income before deductions for such items as income taxes, employees’ social security taxes, insurance premiums, and bonds. Income exclusions are listed in Parts 247.9(e)(2) and (e)(3) and via policy memoranda available online at the Food and Nutrition Service’s (FNS) website at <http://www.fns.usda.gov/fdd>.

State agencies should direct any questions they may have regarding the 2017 IGs to their respective FNS Regional Offices.

/s/ Original Signature on File

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Attachment

**ATTACHMENT
CSFP INCOME GUIDELINES--2017**

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$12,060	\$22,311	\$1,860	\$430	\$15,678	\$1,307	\$302
2.....	16,240	30,044	2,504	578	21,112	1,760	406
3.....	20,420	37,777	3,149	727	26,546	2,213	511
4.....	24,600	45,510	3,793	876	31,980	2,665	615
5.....	28,780	53,243	4,437	1,024	37,414	3,118	720
6.....	32,960	60,976	5,082	1,173	42,848	3,571	824
7.....	37,140	68,709	5,726	1,322	48,282	4,024	929
8.....	41,320	76,442	6,371	1,471	53,716	4,477	1,033
For each add'l household member, add...	4,180	7,733	645	149	5,434	453	105

ALASKA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$15,060	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$536	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$377
2.....	20,290	37,537	3,129	722	26,377	2,199	508
3.....	25,520	47,212	3,935	908	33,176	2,765	638
4.....	30,750	56,888	4,741	1,094	39,975	3,332	769
5.....	35,980	66,563	5,547	1,281	46,774	3,898	900
6.....	41,210	76,239	6,354	1,467	53,573	4,465	1,031
7.....	46,440	85,914	7,160	1,653	60,372	5,031	1,161
8.....	51,670	95,590	7,966	1,839	67,171	5,598	1,292
For each add'l household member, add...	5,230	9,676	807	187	6,799	567	131

Hawaii*					
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%		Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual		Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$13,860		\$18,018	\$1,502	\$347
2.....	18,670		24,271	2,023	467
3.....	23,480		30,524	2,544	587
4.....	28,290		36,777	3,065	708
5.....	33,100		43,030	3,586	828
6.....	37,910		49,283	4,107	948
7.....	42,720		55,536	4,628	1,068
8.....	47,530		61,789	5,150	1,189
For each add'l household member, add...	4,810		6,253	522	121

*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. For children who were certified and enrolled as of February 6, 2014, each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted guidelines at the same time that the WIC State agency implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC. The guidelines for children are not applicable to those States added to CSFP in 2015 or later - Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Virginia, and West Virginia.