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SUBJECT: WIC Policy Memorandum 2010-9
Update on Publication of Poverty Guidelines and Income Eligibility
Guidelines

TO: Regional Directors
Supplemental Food Programs
All Regions

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide an update on the status of the 2010-2011 Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC). We previously provided updates on the delayed publication of the Poverty Guidelines and the impact on IEGs in WIC Policy Memorandum 2010-8, dated June 22, 2010.

The updated Poverty Guidelines issued August 3, 2010, by the Department of Health and Human Services do not represent a change in the IEGs for the WIC Program. Therefore, in making income eligibility determinations for WIC applicants, State and local agencies, should continue to utilize the 2009-2010 IEGs, which will remain in place through June 30, 2011.

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DEBRA R. WHITFORD
Director
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FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM**Formations of, Acquisitions by, and Mergers of Bank Holding Companies**

The companies listed in this notice have applied to the Board for approval, pursuant to the Bank Holding Company Act of 1956 (12 U.S.C. 1841 *et seq.*) (BHC Act), Regulation Y (12 CFR Part 225), and all other applicable statutes and regulations to become a bank holding company and/or to acquire the assets or the ownership of, control of, or the power to vote shares of a bank or bank holding company and all of the banks and nonbanking companies owned by the bank holding company, including the companies listed below.

The applications listed below, as well as other related filings required by the Board, are available for immediate inspection at the Federal Reserve Bank indicated. The applications also will be available for inspection at the offices of the Board of Governors. Interested persons may express their views in writing on the standards enumerated in the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1842(c)). If the proposal also involves the acquisition of a nonbanking company, the review also includes whether the acquisition of the nonbanking company complies with the standards in section 4 of the BHC Act (12 U.S.C. 1843). Unless otherwise noted, nonbanking activities will be conducted throughout the United States. Additional information on all bank holding companies may be obtained from the National Information Center website at www.ffiec.gov/nic/.

Unless otherwise noted, comments regarding each of these applications must be received at the Reserve Bank indicated or the offices of the Board of Governors not later than August 27, 2010.

A. Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (Richard Walker, Community Affairs Officer) P.O. Box 55882, Boston, Massachusetts 02106-2204:

1. *NBH Holdings Corp.*, Boston, Massachusetts; to become a bank holding company by acquiring 100 percent of the voting shares of Bank Midwest, National Association, Kansas City, Missouri.

B. Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ivan Hurwitz, Vice President) 33 Liberty Street, New York, New York 10045-0001:

1. *China Investment Corporation*, Beijing, China; to acquire at least 5 percent of the voting shares of Morgan Stanley, New York, New York, and thereby indirectly acquire voting shares of Morgan Stanley Capital Management LLC; Morgan Stanley Domestic Holdings, Inc., both of New York, New

York; Morgan Stanley Bank, National Association, Salt Lake City, Utah; Morgan Stanley Private Bank, National Association, Purchase, New York; and Morgan Stanley Trust National Association, Wilmington, Delaware. Comments regarding this application must be received not later than August 25, 2010.

C. Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta (Clifford Stanford, Vice President) 1000 Peachtree Street, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia 30309:

1. *Southeastern Bank Financial Corporation*, Augusta, Georgia; to acquire 100 percent of the voting shares of Southern Bank & Trust, Aiken, South Carolina, upon its conversion to a state chartered bank.

Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, July 28, 2010.

Robert deV. Frierson,
Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Office of the Secretary****Delayed Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines for the Remainder of 2010**

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides a delayed update of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines for the remainder of 2010, and until the 2011 poverty guidelines are published, which is expected to occur in late January 2011. HHS is issuing this delayed update due to recent legislation that prohibited the Secretary of HHS from publishing 2010 poverty guidelines before May 31, 2010, and required that the 2009 poverty guidelines remain in effect until the Secretary of HHS published updated guidelines.

DATES: *Effective Date:* Date of publication, unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about how the guidelines are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the Federal,

State, or local office that is responsible for that program. For information about poverty figures for immigration forms, the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, and the number of people in poverty, use the specific telephone numbers and addresses given below.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, contact Gordon Fisher, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 690-7507—or visit <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as USCIS Form I-864, Affidavit of Support, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1-800-375-5283.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (free or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other facilities for persons meeting eligibility criteria involving the poverty guidelines), contact the Office of the Director, Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery, Health Resources and Services Administration, HHS, Room 10-105, Parklawn Building, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, Maryland 20857. To speak to a staff member, please call (301) 443-5656. To receive a Hill-Burton information package, call 1-800-638-0742 (for callers outside Maryland) or 1-800-492-0359 (for callers in Maryland). You also may visit <http://www.hrsa.gov/hillburton/default.htm>.

For information about the number of people in poverty, visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau's Web site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty/poverty.html> or contact the Census Bureau's Demographic Call Center Staff at (301) 763-2422 or 1-866-758-1060 (toll-free).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (OBRA) of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of HHS to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The poverty guidelines are used as an eligibility criterion by the Community Services Block Grant program and a number of other Federal programs. The *poverty guidelines* issued here 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.

However, provisions in three recent laws prohibited the Secretary of HHS from publishing updated poverty guidelines for 2010 before May 31, 2010, and required that the poverty guidelines published on January 23, 2009, remain in effect until updated poverty guidelines were published. These provisions were section 1012 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act, 2010 (Pub. L. 111-118), section 7 of the Temporary Extension Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-144), and section 6 of the Continuing Extension Act of 2010 (Pub. L. 111-157).

The provisions included in these laws were in response to a decrease in the annual average CPI-U for 2009. In the absence of a legislative change, this decrease would have required HHS to issue 2010 poverty guidelines that were lower than the 2009 poverty guidelines, resulting in an adverse effect on potential and actual program beneficiaries. An explanatory statement in the December 16, 2009 *Congressional Record* described the first legislative provision to delay the publication of the 2010 guidelines as a "freeze" of the guidelines at 2009 levels "in order to prevent a reduction in eligibility for certain means-tested programs, including Medicaid, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and child nutrition * * *." (*Congressional Record* (House), December 16, 2009, p. H15370).

Legislation to further delay the publication of the 2010 poverty guidelines beyond May 31, 2010, did not pass Congress. Accordingly, HHS is publishing poverty guidelines for the remainder of 2010 in this notice. These 2010 guidelines will remain in effect until HHS publishes the 2011 poverty guidelines, which is expected to occur in late January 2011.

If HHS had published the 2010 poverty guidelines in late January 2010, on the normal schedule, the update would have been based on the 2008 Census Bureau poverty thresholds and the percentage change in the annual average CPI-U from calendar year 2008 to calendar year 2009 (the period from January through December 2009). Since the publication of the 2010 poverty guidelines was delayed through May 31, 2010, HHS is basing this update on the 2008 Census Bureau poverty thresholds—which remain the most recent published thresholds available—and the percentage change in the average CPI-U from calendar year 2008 to the period beginning with January 2009 and ending on May 31, 2010. The average CPI-U for the January 2009–

May 2010 period was 0.042 percent higher than the annual average CPI-U for calendar year 2008. (The Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 requires that the starting point for the update of the poverty guidelines shall be the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds, rather than the previous HHS poverty guidelines.) The percentage increase in the CPI-U was so small that after the rounding procedures used in the guidelines calculation, the guidelines for the remainder of 2010 showed no change from the 2009 guidelines.

The poverty guidelines are calculated each year using the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds as the starting point. They are not calculated from the previous year's poverty guidelines. As a result, the level of next year's poverty guidelines—the 2011 guidelines—will not be affected by the way in which these 2010 poverty guidelines were calculated.

The poverty guidelines for the remainder of 2010 are provided below. The guideline figures shown represent annual income. These guidelines will remain in effect until HHS publishes the 2011 poverty guidelines, which is expected in late January 2011.

2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.

2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$13,530
2	18,210
3	22,890
4	27,570
5	32,250
6	36,930
7	41,610
8	46,290

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,680 for each additional person.

2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

Persons in family	Poverty guideline
1	\$12,460
2	16,760
3	21,060
4	25,360
5	29,660
6	33,960
7	38,260
8	42,560

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$4,300 for each additional person.

Dated: July 30, 2010.

Kathleen Sebelius,
Secretary of Health and Human Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Solicitation of Nomination for Appointment to the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services, Office of the Secretary, Office of Public Health and Science.
ACTION: Notice.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 217a, section 222 of the Public Health Service (PHS) Act, as amended. The committee is governed by the provisions of Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App 2), which sets forth standards for the formation and use of advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The Office of Public Health and Science, Office of Women's Health, HHS, is seeking nominations of qualified candidates to be considered for appointment as a member of the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Advisory Committee (CFSAC). CFSAC provides science-based advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Health and Human Services, through the Assistant Secretary for Health, on a broad range of issues and topics pertaining to chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS). CFSAC, which was formerly known as the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Coordinating Committee, was established by the Secretary of Health and Human Services on September 5, 2002. Several Committee member appointments are scheduled to end on April 1, 2011. Nominations of qualified candidates are being sought to fill future vacancies.

DATES: Nominations for membership on the Committee must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on Wednesday,