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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Income Guidelines (IGs) for 2013

TO: Regional Directors
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MARO, MPRO, MWRO,
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State Directors
CSFP State Agencies
All Participating States

This memorandum transmits the 2013 IGs to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in CSFP. These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with CSFP regulations, at 7 CFR Part 247. Section 247.9(b)(1) establishes that household income limits for women, infants, and 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. Section 247.9(b)(1) further requires State agencies to consider certain women, infants, and children as income-eligible regardless of actual income, including those individuals who receive Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Medicaid benefits. Section 247.9(c) requires 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 2013 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 table contains the income limits for CSFP households residing in Alaska.

Pursuant to program regulations, the 2013 elderly income guidelines must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this memorandum, and will remain in effect until notification of the income guidelines for 2014. Each CSFP State agency must implement the 2013 income guidelines for women, infants, and children at the same time that the State agency administering the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC. These also remain in effect until notification of CSFP income guidelines for 2014.

CSFP regulations, at section 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. Sections 247.9(e)(2) and (e)(3) list income exclusions, and other income exclusions are provided 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 IGs to their FNS Regional Offices. Regional Offices should contact Michelle Waters or Erica Antonson at (703) 305-2662.

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Attachment

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CSFP INCOME GUIDELINES--2013

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	**Women-Infants-Children - 185%**			**Elderly - 130%**		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	$11,490	$21,257	$1,772	$409	$14,937	$1,245	$288
2.....	15,510	28,694	2,392	552	20,163	1,681	388
3.....	19,530	36,131	3,011	695	25,389	2,116	489
4.....	23,550	43,568	3,631	838	30,615	2,552	589
5.....	27,570	51,005	4,251	981	35,841	2,987	690
6.....	31,590	58,442	4,871	1,124	41,067	3,423	790
7.....	35,610	65,879	5,490	1,267	46,293	3,858	891
8.....	39,630	73,316	6,110	1,410	51,519	4,294	991
For each add'l household member, add...	4,020	7,437	620	144	5,226	436	101

ALASKA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	**Women-Infants-Children - 185%**			**Elderly - 130%**		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	$14,350	$26,548	$2,213	$511	$18,655	$1,555	$359
2.....	19,380	35,853	2,988	690	25,194	2,100	485
3.....	24,410	45,159	3,764	869	31,733	2,645	611
4.....	29,440	54,464	4,539	1,048	38,272	3,190	736
5.....	34,470	63,770	5,315	1,227	44,811	3,735	862
6.....	39,500	73,075	6,090	1,406	51,350	4,280	988
7.....	44,530	82,381	6,866	1,585	57,889	4,825	1,114
8.....	49,560	91,686	7,641	1,764	64,428	5,369	1,239
For each add'l household member, add...	5,030	9,306	776	179	6,539	545	126

*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. For women, infants, and children applicants, each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted guidelines at the same time that the WIC State agency implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC.