

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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March 11, 2004

CSS LETTER: 04-05

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS
ALL COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS
ALL BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT: REVISED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL GUIDELINES FOR 2004 -
COMPROMISE OF ASSIGNED ARREARAGES - FAMILY REUNIFICATION

This letter is to advise local child support agencies (LCSAs) of the revised federal poverty level guidelines. The latest revision of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (FPLG) was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 30, on February 13, 2004. These new amounts became effective February 13, 2004, and must be used when determining eligibility for compromise of assigned arrearages – family reunification (also known as AB 1449, Compromise). This notice is not applicable to the Compromise of Arrears Program (COAP) or Interim-COAP.

Any case denied as of February 13, 2004, and any other cases pending denial should be reevaluated using the new guidelines. A copy of the new figures for comparing income to the federal poverty level guidelines is attached (see Attachment).

The Department of Child Support Services regulation in Section 119191(e)(3), Chapter 9, of Division 13 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations requires the use of the current poverty level guidelines for determining eligibility for a compromise. The FPLG is published in the Federal Register annually by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). LCSAs may find the revised guidelines by checking the following HHS web site:

<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>

Reason for this Transmittal

- State Law or Regulation Change
- Federal Law or Regulation Change
- Court Order or Settlement Change
- Clarification requested by One or More Counties
- Initiated by DCSS

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If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact
Tonya Crawford-Comage, Manager of the Financial Management Policy Unit at
(916) 464-5234.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Donna S. Hershkowitz', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

DONNA S. HERSHKOWITZ
Deputy Director
Child Support Services Division

Attachment

250 % Of The Federal Poverty Level

%	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6	Family of 7	Family of 8 *
250	31,225	39,175	47,125	55,075	63,025	70,975	78,925

* For each additional family member beyond 8, add \$7950.00.

300 % Of The Federal Poverty Level

%	Family of 2	Family of 3	Family of 4	Family of 5	Family of 6	Family of 7	Family of 8 **
300	37,470	47,010	56,550	66,090	75,630	85,170	94,710

** For each additional family member beyond 8, add \$9540.00.

(Federal Poverty Level Published in the Federal Register, Vol. 69, No. 30, February 13, 2004, pp. 7336-7338)