

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES

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LCSA LETTER: 09-07

ALL IV-D DIRECTORS

**SUBJECT: REVISED FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR COMPROMISE
OF ASSIGNED ARREARAGES – FAMILY REUNIFICATION**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

This letter is to advise Local Child Support Agencies (LCSAs) of the revised Federal Poverty Level Guidelines (FPLG). The latest revision of the FPLG was published in the Federal Register, Vol. 74, No. 14, on January 23, 2009. These new amounts became effective January 23, 2009 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).

Any case denied as of January 23, 2009, and any other cases pending denial, should be re-evaluated using the new guidelines. A copy of the new figures for comparing income to the FPLG is attached (see Attachment).

The California Code of Regulations in Section 119191(e)(3), Chapter 9 of Division 13 of Title 22 of the California Code of Regulations, requires the use of the FPLG 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). The revised guidelines can be found at: <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/>

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact Michelle Tedrow, manager of the Financial Management Policy Unit, at (916) 464-5883.

Sincerely,

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Attachment

PERSONS IN FAMILY	250%
2	36,425
3	45,775
4	55,125
5	64,475
6	73,825
7	83,175
8	92,525

For each additional family member beyond 8, add \$9,350.

PERSONS IN FAMILY	300%
2	43,710
3	54,930
4	66,150
5	77,370
6	88,590
7	99,810
8	111,030

For each additional family member beyond 8, add \$11,220.

(2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 74, No. 14, January 23, 2009, pp. 4199–4201)