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**SUBJECT:** Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Revised  
Income Guidelines for 2008

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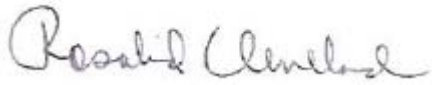
This memorandum transmits the adjusted income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in the CSFP. These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with 7 CFR Part 247. Section 247.9(b)(1) of the CSFP regulations establishes household income limits for women, infants, and children that are 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 the State agency to consider certain women, infants, and children as income-eligible regardless of actual income, including those individuals who receive Food Stamp benefits, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, or Medicaid). Section 247.9(c) requires that elderly persons have household income at or below 130 percent of the Poverty Guidelines. HHS published the revised Poverty Guidelines for 2008 in the Federal Register on January 23, 2008, at 73 FR 3971. To establish annual income limits of 130 and 185 percent, the Poverty Guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and 1.85, respectively, and the results were rounded up to the next whole dollar. From these results, weekly and monthly income limits were calculated.

The attached tables contain the income limits by household size to be used for eligibility determinations in the 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 adjusted elderly income guidelines must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this memorandum, and will remain in effect until notification of revised guidelines in 2009. Each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted 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.

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.commodityfoods.usda.gov>.

State agencies should direct any questions they may have regarding the income eligibility guidelines to their FNS Regional Offices.



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Attachment

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CSFP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES--2008

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.....	\$10,400	\$19,240	\$1,604	\$370	\$13,520	\$1,127	\$260
2.....	14,000	25,900	2,159	499	18,200	1,517	350
3.....	17,600	32,560	2,714	627	22,880	1,907	440
4.....	21,200	39,220	3,269	755	27,560	2,297	530
5.....	24,800	45,880	3,824	883	32,240	2,687	620
6.....	28,400	52,540	4,379	1,011	36,920	3,077	710
7.....	32,000	59,200	4,934	1,139	41,600	3,467	800
8.....	35,600	65,860	5,489	1,267	46,280	3,857	890
<b>For each add'l household member, add...</b>	3,600	6,660	555	129	4,680	390	90

ALASKA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$13,000	\$24,050	\$2,005	\$463	\$16,900	\$1,409	\$325
2.....	17,500	32,375	2,698	623	22,750	1,896	438
3.....	22,000	40,700	3,392	783	28,600	2,384	550
4.....	26,500	49,025	4,086	943	34,450	2,871	663
5.....	31,000	57,350	4,780	1,103	40,300	3,359	775
6.....	35,500	65,675	5,473	1,263	46,150	3,846	888
7.....	40,000	74,000	6,167	1,424	52,000	4,334	1,000
8.....	44,500	82,325	6,861	1,584	57,850	4,821	1,113
<b>For each add'l household member, add...</b>	4,500	8,325	694	161	5,850	488	113

\*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.