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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP), Revised
Income Guidelines for 2009

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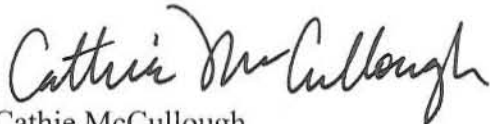
This memorandum transmits the adjusted income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in the CSFP. These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with 7 CFR Part 247. Section 247.9(b)(1) of the CSFP regulations establishes household 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 Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly known as Food Stamp Program) 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 2009 in the Federal Register on January 23, 2009, at 74 FR 4199. 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 the revised guidelines in 2010. 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Cathie McCullough". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Cathie McCullough
Director
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Attachment

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CSFP INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES--2009

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*							
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$10,830	\$20,036	\$1,670	\$386	\$14,079	\$1,174	\$271
2.....	14,570	26,955	2,247	519	18,941	1,579	365
3.....	18,310	33,874	2,823	652	23,803	1,984	458
4.....	22,050	40,793	3,400	785	28,665	2,389	552
5.....	25,790	47,712	3,976	918	33,527	2,794	645
6.....	29,530	54,631	4,553	1,051	38,389	3,200	739
7.....	33,270	61,550	5,130	1,184	43,251	3,605	832
8.....	37,010	68,469	5,706	1,317	48,113	4,010	926
For each add'l household member, add...	3,740	6,919	577	134	4,862	406	94

ALASKA*							
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$13,530	\$25,031	\$2,086	\$482	\$17,589	\$1,466	\$339
2.....	18,210	33,689	2,808	648	23,673	1,973	456
3.....	22,890	42,347	3,529	815	29,757	2,480	573
4.....	27,570	51,005	4,251	981	35,841	2,987	690
5.....	32,250	59,663	4,972	1,148	41,925	3,494	807
6.....	36,930	68,321	5,694	1,314	48,009	4,001	924
7.....	41,610	76,979	6,415	1,481	54,093	4,508	1,041
8.....	46,290	85,637	7,137	1,647	60,177	5,015	1,158
For each add'l household member, add...	4,680	8,658	722	167	6,084	507	117

*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.