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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Income Guidelines (IGs) for 2015

TO: Regional Directors
Special Nutrition Programs
MARO, MPRO, MWRO,
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WRO

State Directors
CSFP State Agencies
All Participating States

This memorandum transmits the 2015 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 (*w-i-c*) 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 *w-i-c* participants 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 2015 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 and third tables contain the income limits for CSFP households residing in Alaska and Hawaii.

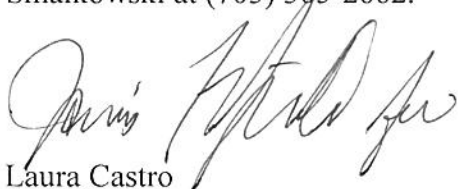
Pursuant to program regulations, the 2015 elderly income guidelines must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this memorandum, and will remain in effect until notification of the income guidelines for 2016.

Where applicable, CSFP State agencies must implement the 2015 *w-i-c* income guidelines 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 2016. It is important to note that the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the Farm Bill) amended CSFP's eligibility requirements to phase out the participation of *w-i-c* participants in the program. Accordingly, the 2015 *w-i-c* income guidelines are applicable only to those *w-i-c* participants who were certified and enrolled in CSFP as of February 6, 2014. The 2015 *w-i-c* income guidelines are not applicable in those States who joined CSFP for the first time in 2015, as no *w-i-c* participants are eligible for enrollment in those States.

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 Erica Antonson or Carolyn Smalkowski at (703) 305-2662.



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Attachment

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CSFP INCOME GUIDELINES--2015

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.....	\$11,770	\$21,775	\$1,815	\$419	\$15,301	\$1,276	\$295
2.....	15,930	29,471	2,456	567	20,709	1,726	399
3.....	20,090	37,167	3,098	715	26,117	2,177	503
4.....	24,250	44,863	3,739	863	31,525	2,628	607
5.....	28,410	52,559	4,380	1,011	36,933	3,078	711
6.....	32,570	60,255	5,022	1,159	42,341	3,529	815
7.....	36,730	67,951	5,663	1,307	47,749	3,980	919
8.....	40,890	75,647	6,304	1,455	53,157	4,430	1,023
For each add'l household member, add...	4,160	7,696	642	148	5,408	451	104

ALASKA*							
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$14,720	\$27,232	\$2,270	\$524	\$19,136	\$1,595	\$368
2.....	19,920	36,852	3,071	709	25,896	2,158	498
3.....	25,120	46,472	3,873	894	32,656	2,722	628
4.....	30,320	56,092	4,675	1,079	39,416	3,285	758
5.....	35,520	65,712	5,476	1,264	46,176	3,848	888
6.....	40,720	75,332	6,278	1,449	52,936	4,412	1,018
7.....	45,920	84,952	7,080	1,634	59,696	4,975	1,148
8.....	51,120	94,572	7,881	1,819	66,456	5,538	1,278
For each add'l household member, add...	5,200	9,620	802	185	6,760	564	130

Hawaii*				
	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%	Elderly - 130%		
Household Size	Annual	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$13,550	\$17,615	\$1,468	\$339
2.....	18,330	23,829	1,986	459
3.....	23,110	30,043	2,504	578
4.....	27,890	36,257	3,022	698
5.....	32,670	42,471	3,540	817
6.....	37,450	48,685	4,058	937
7.....	42,230	54,899	4,575	1,056
8.....	47,010	61,113	5,093	1,176
For each add'l household member, add...	4,780	6,214	518	120

*CSFP State agencies must implement the adjusted income guidelines for elderly applicants immediately upon receipt. For women, infants, and children applicants who were certified and enrolled as of February 6, 2015, each CSFP State agency must implement the adjusted guidelines at the same time that the WIC State agency implements the adjusted guidelines in WIC. The guidelines for women, infants, and children are not applicable in those States new to CSFP in 2015 - Connecticut, Florida, Hawaii, Idaho, Maryland, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island.