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**TO: Income Maintenance Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: 2011 Federal Poverty Level Changes for the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Program, Wisconsin Works (W-2) Program and Related Programs**

**CROSS REFERENCE:**

Child Care Policy Manual 1.6.2 – 1.6.4  
Wisconsin Works Policy Manual, 3.1.1  
[2011 DHS Poverty Guidelines](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2011

**PURPOSE:**

This memo introduces the 2011 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) that impact financial eligibility for Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy, Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loans, (JALs), and Emergency Assistance (EA).

**BACKGROUND:**

Each year the federal Department of Health and Human Services updates the FPL guidelines based on the Consumer Price Index. Poverty guidelines are used to determine financial

eligibility for Community Services Block Grant programs and several other Federal programs, including the programs listed above.

**POLICY:**

The 2011 FPL table for financial eligibility in the Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy program, W-2 program, JALs, and EA is as follows:

**2011 Federal Poverty Levels by Annual and Monthly Income**

Group Size	Annual 115% FPL	Monthly 115% FPL	Annual 185% FPL	Monthly 185% FPL	Annual 200% FPL	Monthly 200% FPL
1	\$12,524	\$1,044	\$20,147	\$1,647	\$21,780	\$1,815
2	\$16,917	\$1,410	\$27,214	\$2,268	\$29,420	\$2,452
3	\$21,310	\$1,776	\$34,281	\$2,857	\$37,060	\$3,088
4	\$25,703	\$2,142	\$41,348	\$3,446	\$44,700	\$3,725
5	\$30,096	\$2,508	\$48,415	\$4,035	\$52,340	\$4,362
6	\$34,489	\$2,874	\$55,482	\$4,623	\$59,980	\$4,998
7	\$38,882	\$3,240	\$62,549	\$5,212	\$67,620	\$5,635
8	\$43,275	\$3,606	\$69,616	\$5,801	\$75,260	\$6,272
9	\$47,668	\$3,972	\$76,683	\$6,390	\$82,900	\$6,908
10	\$52,061	\$4,338	\$83,750	\$6,979	\$90,540	\$7,545
Each Additional Person Add	\$4,393	\$366	\$7,067	\$589	\$7,640	\$637

WISCONSIN SHARES CHILD CARE ELIGIBILITY

The financial eligibility limit for new Wisconsin Shares applicants, including cases that have been closed for more than thirty days, is 185% FPL, and financial eligibility may continue until the income reaches 200% FPL.

Financial eligibility for foster parents, and relatives that receive Kinship Care for a child for whom they also have legal guardianship or court-ordered placement, and Subsidized Guardians under Wis. Stat. § 48, is based upon the child (ren)'s natural or adoptive family income being no more than 200% FPL at the time the child was removed from the home.

In addition to financial eligibility, the FPL adjustment also affects child care co-payments. Updates to co-payments will be issued in a separate Operations Memo in the coming weeks.

WISCONSIN WORKS (W-2), JOB ACCESS LOANS, AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ELIGIBILITY

The effective date of the new income limits for W-2, JAL, and EA eligibility is February 1, 2011. The new income limits will apply for W-2, JAL and EA applications started on or after February 1, 2011.

**CARES:**

The CARES income limit tables (TWWS, TCCS) used to determine W-2 and Child Care (CC) eligibility were updated with an effective date of February 1, 2011. A CARES mass change for

W-2 and CC eligibility will run February 11, 2011. The CARES mass change selects all ongoing W-2 and CC groups to compare their income to the 2011 FPL amounts for March eligibility.

**CONTACTS:**

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For W-2 Policy Questions in the Balance of State: Bureau of Regional Operations, W-2 Regional Coordinators

For W-2 Policy Questions in Milwaukee: Milwaukee Operations Section Regional Administrators

For CARES Processing Questions: W-2/CC Help Desk

\*Program Categories – FS – FoodShare, MA – Medicaid, BC+ – BadgerCare Plus, SC – Senior Care, CTS – Caretaker Supplement, CC – Child Care, W-2 – Wisconsin Works, FSET – FoodShare Employment and Training, BC+ Core – BadgerCare Plus Core, CF – Children First, EA – Emergency Assistance, JAL – Job Access Loan, JC - Job Center Programs, RAP – Refugee Assistance Program, WIA – Workforce Investment Act, Other EP – Other Employment Programs.

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