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**SUBJECT: 2013 Federal Poverty Level Changes for the Wisconsin Works (W-2) and Related Programs**

**CROSS REFERENCE:** [Wisconsin Works Policy Manual, 3.2.1](#)  
[2013 HHS Poverty Guidelines](#)

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 1, 2013

**PURPOSE**

This memo announces the 2013 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) amounts that determine financial eligibility for Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loans, (JALs), Emergency Assistance (EA), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA).

**BACKGROUND**

Each year, the federal Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the FPL guidelines based on the Consumer Price Index. Poverty guidelines are used to determine financial eligibility for W-2, JALs, EA, and RCA.

**POLICY**

The 2013 FPL for W-2, JAL, EA, and RCA financial eligibility is as follows:

<b>Group Size</b>	<b>Annual 115% FPL</b>	<b>Monthly 115% FPL</b>
<b>1</b>	\$13,214	\$1,101
<b>2</b>	\$17,837	\$1,486
<b>3</b>	\$22,460	\$1,872
<b>4</b>	\$27,083	\$2,257
<b>5</b>	\$31,706	\$2,642
<b>6</b>	\$36,329	\$3,027
<b>7</b>	\$40,952	\$3,413
<b>8</b>	\$45,575	\$3,798
<b>9</b>	\$50,198	\$4,183
<b>10</b>	\$54,821	\$4,568
<b>Each Additional Person Add</b>	\$4,623	\$385

The effective date of the new income limits is February 1, 2013. The new income limits will apply to applications started on or after February 1, 2013. The FPL table on the EA Financial Eligibility worksheet has been updated.

**CARES**

The CARES income limit table (TWWS) used to determine W-2 eligibility was updated with an effective date of February 1, 2013. A CARES mass change for W-2 eligibility was run February 9, 2013. The CARES mass change selects all ongoing W-2 groups to compare their income to the 2013 FPL amounts for March eligibility.

**CONTACTS**

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

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\*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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