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## MEMORANDUM

TO: Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Grantees

FROM: Hilda Frazier, Manager   
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DATE: January 28, 2011

SUBJECT: FY 2011-2012 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

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Enclosed is a chart detailing 150% of the FFY 2011-2012, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. These guidelines are for use in the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). The FY 2011-2012 LIHEAP Home Energy Benefit Payment Matrix is also enclosed. These poverty guidelines are effective April 1, 2011

For the LIHEAP program, the Department has the responsibility for determining what constitutes income to the extent that the definition is not already contained in legislation or regulations. Enclosed is a chart which reflects income that is allowable for the LIHEAP program.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact your financial specialist at (850) 488-7541 or fax number at (850) 488-2488.

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**FY 2011-2012  
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE  
PROGRAM (LIHEAP)  
POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES\***

**EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011**

<b>PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>150%</b>
1	\$16,335
2	\$22,065
3	\$27,795
4	\$33,525
5	\$39,255
6	\$44,985
7	\$50,715
8	\$56,445
Add this amount for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.	\$ 5,730

The above figures are based on the 2011 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines published in the *Federal Register* on January 20, 2011.

FLORIDA LOW-INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM PAYMENT MATRIX							
HOME ENERGY BENEFITS <sup>1</sup> BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE, INCOME AND POVERTY LEVEL							
NUMBER OF PEOPLE IN HOUSEHOLD	50% of Poverty or Less	Over 50% of Poverty but Less than 75%	At least 75% but no more than 100% Poverty	Over 100% but no more than 125% Poverty	Over 125% but no more than 150% Poverty	Over 150% Poverty	
	At or Below						
	Annual Income at Least but No Greater Than						
1	\$5,445	\$8,167	\$8,168	\$10,890	\$10,891	\$13,613	\$13,614
2	\$7,355	\$11,032	\$11,033	\$14,710	\$14,711	\$18,388	\$18,389
3	\$9,265	\$13,897	\$13,898	\$18,530	\$18,531	\$23,163	\$23,164
4	\$11,175	\$16,762	\$16,763	\$22,350	\$22,351	\$27,938	\$27,939
5	\$13,085	\$19,627	\$19,628	\$26,170	\$26,171	\$32,713	\$32,714
6	\$14,995	\$22,492	\$22,493	\$29,990	\$29,991	\$37,488	\$37,489
7	\$16,905	\$25,357	\$25,358	\$33,810	\$33,811	\$42,263	\$42,264
8	\$18,815	\$28,222	\$28,223	\$37,630	\$37,631	\$47,038	\$47,039
9	\$20,725	\$31,087	\$31,088	\$41,450	\$41,451	\$51,813	\$51,814
10	\$22,635	\$33,952	\$33,953	\$45,270	\$45,271	\$56,588	\$56,589
11	\$24,545	\$36,817	\$36,818	\$49,090	\$49,091	\$61,363	\$61,364
12	\$26,455	\$39,682	\$39,683	\$52,910	\$52,911	\$66,138	\$66,139
13	\$28,365	\$42,547	\$42,548	\$56,730	\$56,731	\$70,913	\$70,914
14	\$30,275	\$45,412	\$45,413	\$60,550	\$60,551	\$75,688	\$75,689
15	\$32,185	\$48,277	\$48,278	\$64,370	\$64,371	\$80,463	\$80,464
16	\$34,095	\$51,142	\$51,143	\$68,190	\$68,191	\$85,238	\$85,239
17	\$36,005	\$54,007	\$54,008	\$72,010	\$72,011	\$90,013	\$90,014
18	\$37,915	\$56,872	\$56,873	\$75,830	\$75,831	\$94,788	\$94,789
19	\$39,825	\$59,737	\$59,738	\$79,650	\$79,651	\$99,563	\$99,564
20	\$41,735	\$62,602	\$62,603	\$83,470	\$83,471	\$104,338	\$104,339
LIHEAP HOME ENERGY BENEFIT <sup>1</sup>	\$300	\$250	\$200	\$150			

<sup>1</sup> These benefit levels are effective April 1, 2011

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)  
FY 2011-2012 ALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME  
EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2011**

<b>INCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME (Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)</b>	<b>EXCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions</li> <li>2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses)</li> <li>3. Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses)</li> <li>4. <u>REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:</u> Social Security Railroad retirement Unemployment compensation Strike benefits from union funds Worker's compensation Veteran's payments  Public Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, and non-federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments.</li> <li>6. Training stipends</li> <li>7. Alimony</li> <li>8. Child Support</li> <li>9. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household</li> <li>10. Private pensions</li> <li>11. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay)</li> <li>12. Regular insurance or annuity payments</li> <li>13. College or university scholarships <u>for living expenses only</u></li> <li>14. Grants</li> <li>15. Fellowships</li> <li>16. Assistantship</li> <li>17. Dividends</li> <li>18. Interest</li> <li>19. Net rental income</li> <li>20. Net royalties</li> <li>21. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts</li> <li>22. Net gambling or lottery winnings</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>CAPITAL GAINS</u> Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car.</li> <li>2. Tax Refunds</li> <li>3. Gifts</li> <li>4. Loans</li> <li>5. Lump-sum inheritances</li> <li>6. One-time insurance payments</li> <li>7. Compensation for injury</li> <li>8. Combat zone pay to the military</li> <li>8. <u>NON-CASH BENEFITS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits</li> <li>(b) Food or housing received in lieu of wages</li> <li>(c) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms.</li> <li>(d) The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing.</li> <li>(e) Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance.</li> </ol> </li> </ol>