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SUBJECT: Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP): Income Guidelines (IGs) for 2014

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This memorandum transmits the 2014 IGs to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of individuals applying to participate in CSFP. In accordance with changes made to CSFP eligibility requirements by the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79, the Farm Bill), women, infants, and children who apply to participate in CSFP on February 7, 2014, or later may not be certified to participate in the CSFP. Accordingly, the income limits for women, infants, and children announced in this memorandum should be used only for the certification or recertification of women, infants, and children who remain eligible to receive CSFP benefits as outlined in the memorandum "CSFP - Implementation of the Agricultural Act of 2014 (P.L. 113-79)".

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 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 women, infants, and children 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 2014 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 table contains the income limits for CSFP households residing in Alaska.

Pursuant to program regulations, the 2014 elderly income guidelines must be implemented immediately upon receipt of this memorandum, and will remain in effect until notification of the income guidelines for 2015. Each CSFP State agency must implement the 2014 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. These also remain in effect until notification of CSFP income guidelines for 2015.

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

**ATTACHMENT
CSFP INCOME GUIDELINES--2014**

48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA*									
Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%			Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$11,670	\$21,590	\$1,800	\$416	\$15,171	\$1,265	\$292		
2.....	15,730	29,101	2,426	560	20,449	1,705	394		
3.....	19,790	36,612	3,051	705	25,727	2,144	495		
4.....	23,850	44,123	3,677	849	31,005	2,584	597		
5.....	27,910	51,634	4,303	993	36,283	3,024	698		
6.....	31,970	59,145	4,929	1,138	41,561	3,464	800		
7.....	36,030	66,656	5,555	1,282	46,839	3,904	901		
8.....	40,090	74,167	6,181	1,427	52,117	4,344	1,003		
For each add'l household member, add...	4,060	7,511	626	145	5,278	440	102		

ALASKA*

Household Size	Federal Poverty Guidelines - 100%			Women-Infants-Children - 185%			Elderly - 130%		
	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Annual	Monthly	Weekly
1.....	\$14,580	\$26,973	\$2,248	\$519	\$18,954	\$1,580	\$365		
2.....	19,660	36,371	3,031	700	25,558	2,130	492		
3.....	24,740	45,769	3,815	881	32,162	2,681	619		
4.....	29,820	55,167	4,598	1,061	38,766	3,231	746		
5.....	34,900	64,565	5,381	1,242	45,370	3,781	873		
6.....	39,980	73,963	6,164	1,423	51,974	4,332	1,000		
7.....	45,060	83,361	6,947	1,604	58,578	4,882	1,127		
8.....	50,140	92,759	7,730	1,784	65,182	5,432	1,254		
For each add'l household member, add...	5,080	9,398	784	181	6,604	551	127		

*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.