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**SUBJECT: 2018 Federal Poverty Level Changes for Wisconsin Works and
Related Programs**

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 8, 2018

PURPOSE

This memo announces the 2018 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) amounts that are used to determine financial eligibility for Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loans (JALs), Emergency Assistance (EA), and Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA).

BACKGROUND

Each year, the United States 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 W-2, JALs, EA, and RCA.

POLICY

The 2018 FPL for W-2, JAL, EA, and RCA financial eligibility is as follows:

Group Size	Monthly 115% FPL
1	\$1,163
2	\$1,577
3	\$1,991
4	\$2,405
5	\$2,819
6	\$3,233
7	\$3,647
8	\$4,061
9	\$4,475
10	\$4,889
Each Additional Person Add	\$414

The effective date of the new income limits was February 1, 2018. The new income limits apply to applications started on or after February 1, 2018. The FPL table on the [Emergency Assistance Application Part 2 – Financial Eligibility Worksheet \(DCF-F-DWSP2010-E\)](#) has been updated.

CARES

DCF updated the CARES income limit table (TWWS) used to determine W-2 and JAL eligibility with an effective date of February 1, 2018. A CARES mass change for W-2 eligibility ran on February 3, 2018. The CARES mass change selected all ongoing W-2 groups to compare their income to the 2018 FPL amounts for March eligibility.

CONTACTS

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