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SUBJECT: 2019 Federal Poverty Level Changes for Wisconsin Works and Related Programs

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2019

PURPOSE

This memo announces the 2019 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) amounts that are used to determine financial eligibility for Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loans (JALs), Emergency Assistance (EA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Transform Milwaukee Jobs (TMJ), and Transitional Jobs (TJ).

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, RCA, TMJ, and TJ.

POLICY

The 2019 FPL for W-2, JAL, EA, and RCA financial eligibility is as follows:

Group Size	Monthly 115% FPL
1	\$1,197
2	\$1,621
3	\$2,044
4	\$2,468
5	\$2,891
6	\$3,315
7	\$3,738
8	\$4,162
9	\$4,586
10	\$5,009
11	\$5,434
12	\$5,858
13	\$6,282
14	\$6,706
15	\$7,130
16	\$7,554
17	\$7,978
18	\$8,402

The 2019 FPL for TMJ and TJ financial eligibility is as follows:

Group Size	Annual 150% FPL
1	\$18,735
2	\$25,365
3	\$31,995
4	\$38,625
5	\$45,255
6	\$51,885
7	\$58,515
8	\$65,145
Each Additional Person Add	\$6,630

The effective date of the new income limits was February 1, 2019. The new income limits apply to applications started on or after February 1, 2019. 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 tables (TWWS and TTMI) used to determine W-2, JAL, TMJ, and TJ eligibility with an effective date of February 1, 2019. A CARES mass change for W-2 eligibility ran on February 1, 2019. The CARES mass change selected all ongoing W-2 groups to compare their income to the 2019 FPL amounts for March eligibility.

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