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SUBJECT: 2020 Federal Poverty Level Changes for Wisconsin Works and Related Programs

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2020

PURPOSE

This memo announces the 2020 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) amounts that are used to determine financial eligibility for the Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loan (JALs), Emergency Assistance (EA), Refugee Cash Assistance (RCA), Transform Milwaukee Jobs (TMJ), and Transitional Jobs (TJ) programs.

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 2020 FPL amounts for W-2, JAL, EA, and RCA financial eligibility are as follows:

Group Size	Monthly 115% FPL
1	\$1,223
2	\$1,652
3	\$2,082
4	\$2,511
5	\$2,940
6	\$3,370
7	\$3,799
8	\$4,228
9	\$4,657
10	\$5,086
11	\$5,515
12	\$5,944
13	\$6,373
14	\$6,802
15	\$7,231
16	\$7,660
17	\$8,089
18	\$8,518

The 2020 FPL amounts for TMJ and TJ financial eligibility are as follows:

Group Size	Annual 150% FPL
1	\$19,140
2	\$25,860
3	\$32,580
4	\$39,300
5	\$46,020
6	\$52,740
7	\$59,460
8	\$66,180
Each Additional Person Add	\$6,720

The effective date of the new income limits was February 1, 2020. The new income limits apply to applications started on or after February 1, 2020. 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, 2020. A CARES mass change for W-2 eligibility ran on February 1, 2020. The CARES mass change selected all ongoing W-2 groups to compare their income to the 2019 FPL amounts for March eligibility.

CONTACTS

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

For W-2 Policy Questions in Milwaukee: Milwaukee Operations Section Regional Administrators

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