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MEMORANDUM

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

FROM: Hilda Frazier, Manager
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DATE: January 29, 2008

SUBJECT: FY 2008-2009 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

Enclosed is a chart detailing 150% of the FFY 2008-2009, 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 2008-2009 LIHEAP Home Energy Benefit Payment Matrix is also enclosed.

These poverty guidelines were effective January 23, 2008. All LIHEAP providers must implement the new guidelines immediately.

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 2008-2009
LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
150% OF THE POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES*

PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD	150%
1	\$15,600
2	\$21,000
3	\$26,400
4	\$31,800
5	\$37,200
6	\$42,600
7	\$48,000
8	\$53,400
Add this amount for each additional person in the household with more than 8 people.	\$ 5,400

* These income limits are based on the 2008 U. S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 73, Number 15, January 23, 2008 pp. 3971-3972.

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)
FY 2008-2009 ALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME**

<p align="center">ALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME (Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)</p>	<p align="center">UNALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME</p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions 2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses) 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) 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. 6. Training stipends 7. Alimony 8. Child Support 9. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household 10. Private pensions 11. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay) 12. Regular insurance or annuity payments 13. College or university scholarships 14. Grants 15. Fellowships 16. Assistantship 17. Dividends 18. Interest 19. Net rental income 20. Net royalties 21. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts 22. Net gambling or lottery winnings 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>CAPITAL GAINS</u> Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car. 2. Tax Refunds 3. Gifts 4. Loans 5. Lump-sum inheritances 6. One-time insurance payments 7. Compensation for injury 8. <u>NON-CASH BENEFITS</u> Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits Food or housing received in lieu of wages The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms. The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing.