

**DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES 1-2009
Work First Program**

TO:	County Directors of Social Services
ATTENTION:	Work First Program Administrators, Managers, and Supervisors
DATE:	February 26, 2009
SUBJECT:	Federal Poverty Guidelines
EFFECTIVE DATE	April 1, 2009

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the 2009 Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines. Each year the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issues poverty guidelines, which are published in the *Federal Register*. The new 2009 HHS Poverty Guidelines are available. These guidelines have been used to develop the income limits for the 150 and 200 percent income scales. See charts below:

200% of Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2009 – (Monthly Amounts)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
200%	\$1,805	\$2,428	\$3,052	\$3,675	\$4,298	\$4,922	\$5,545	\$6,168

For each additional family member add \$623.

150% of Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2009 – (Monthly Amounts)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
150%	\$1,354	\$1,821	\$2,289	\$2,756	\$3,224	\$3,691	\$4,159	\$4,626

For each additional family member add \$468.

II. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Apply this policy to the next review, application, or change in situation effective April 1, 2009.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective April 1, 2009. Should you need additional guidance, please contact your Work First Representative.

Sincerely,



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