

**DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO. ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES 1-2015
Work First Program**

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Work First Program Administrators, Managers, and Supervisors

DATE: March 31, 2015

SUBJECT: Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2015

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this letter is to provide the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Poverty Guidelines for 2015. Each year, HHS issues poverty guidelines which are published in the Federal Register. These guidelines are used to develop the following charts. The charts are used to determine income eligibility for Work First Services for Low-Income families At or Below 200% of Poverty.

200% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for 2015 – (Monthly Income Limits)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
200%	\$1,962	\$2,655	\$3,348	\$4,042	\$4,735	\$5,428	\$6,122	\$6,815

For each additional family member add \$693.

150% of Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for 2015 – (Monthly Income Limits)

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
150%	\$1,471	\$1,991	\$2,511	\$3,031	\$3,551	\$4,071	\$4,591	\$5,111

For each additional family member add \$520.

II. IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Apply this policy to the next review, application or change in situation. Counties will be notified when the updated DSS-8225 (Eligibility Worksheet) is available at [NC DHHS Online Publications](#). Until that time, refer to the above income limits when completing the Eligibility Worksheet for applications taken on or after April 1, 2015.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This policy is effective April 1, 2015. Please email any questions regarding this policy to DHHS Operational Support Team (OST) at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David Locklear, Acting Chief
Economic and Family Services