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**TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**  
INCLUDING STATEMENT OF NEED & JUSTIFICATION

**SSP 3-2020**

CHAPTER 461  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES  
SELF-SUFFICIENCY PROGRAMS

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FILING CAPTION: Adjusting Income Standards

EFFECTIVE DATE: 03/01/2020 THROUGH 08/27/2020

AGENCY APPROVED DATE: 02/25/2020

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NEED FOR THE RULE(S):

OAR 461-155-0180 needs to be amended because the current rule would be outdated for federal poverty guidelines and incorrect for the state median income levels. This amendment promotes accurate benefit decisions in self-sufficiency programs by updating these standards.

JUSTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY FILING:

The Department finds that failure to act promptly by amending OAR 461-155-0180 will result in serious prejudice to the public interest, the Department, and clients of its programs. The Department needs to proceed by temporary rule because the Department is determining eligibility for its clients on a continuous basis and the updated standards as of March 1, 2020 will allow clients to accurately qualify for its programs, which provide essential support for them.

DOCUMENTS RELIED UPON, AND WHERE THEY ARE AVAILABLE:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines available at  
<https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty-guidelines>

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services estimate of Oregon state median income available at  
<http://www.oregon.gov/ohcs/Pages/energy-weatherization-oregon-income-guidelines.aspx>

461-155-0180 Charts

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4	2,146
5	2,515
6	2,883
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9	5,184
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AMEND: 461-155-0180

RULE SUMMARY: OAR 461-155-0180 is being amended to update federal poverty guidelines and state median income levels. The standards being changed affect benefit decisions in self-sufficiency programs.

CHANGES TO RULE:

461-155-0180

Income Standards; Not OSIP, OSIPM, QMB ¶

(1) A Department program may cite this rule if the program uses a monthly income standard based on the federal poverty level or state median income. The standards in this rule are effective as of October 1, 2019, except as provided otherwise. ¶

(2) A monthly income standard set at 100 percent of the 2019 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(3) A monthly income standard set at 130 percent of the 2019 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(4) A monthly income standard set at 165 percent of the 2019 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(5) A monthly income standard set at 185 percent of the ~~2019~~20 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(6) A monthly income standard set at 200 percent of the 2019 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(7) A monthly income standard set at 250 percent of the ~~2019~~20 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(8) A monthly income standard set at 350 percent of the 2019 federal poverty level is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(9) A monthly income standard set at 85 percent of the ~~2019~~20 state median income is set at the following amounts: ~~[see attached table]~~ ¶

(10) A monthly Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (DSNAP) income standard is set at the following amounts for the household (see OAR 461-135-0491): ~~[see attached table]~~

Statutory/Other Authority: ORS 329A.500, 409.050, 411.060, 411.070, 411.816, 412.049

Statutes/Other Implemented: ORS 329A.500, 409.010, 411.060, 411.070, 411.816, 412.014, 412.049, 7 CFR 280.1

RULE ATTACHMENTS DO NOT SHOW CHANGES. PLEASE CONTACT AGENCY REGARDING CHANGES.

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