

Policy Transmittal Office of Self-Sufficiency Programs



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Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other: Federal Poverty Guidelines

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: Type B | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Support Service Brokerage Directors | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): 5503 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children's Residential Services | |
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Policy/rule title:	Federal Poverty Guidelines Update-ERDC, SNAP, TANF, HSD Medical		
Policy/rule number(s):	461-155-0180, 410-200-0315	Release number:	
Effective date:	March 1, 2021	Expiration date:	
References:			
Web address:			

Discussion/interpretation: The annual adjustment of the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPL) for 2021 will be implemented on March 1, 2021. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published the new figures in January 2021. This change:

- Impacts the 185%FPL for SNAP, ERDC, and TANF
- Updates ERDC ongoing and exit levels
- Changes the HSD medical program income thresholds that are based on a percentage of the FPL

The Combined Standards (DHS [5530](#)) chart and OARs [461-155-0180](#) and [410-200-0315](#) will be updated and become effective on March 1, 2021.

Action: As of March 1, 2021, use the standards found in this transmittal when determining eligibility.

Implementation/transition instructions: The ONE system, web calculators, and Legacy systems will be updated and become effective on March 1, 2021.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The SNAP program categorical eligibility standard (185% of the FPL) new standards are:

Persons in family/household	Categorical eligibility limit (185%)
1	\$1,986
2	\$2,686
3	\$3,386
4	\$4,086
5	\$4,786
6	\$5,486
7	\$6,186
8	\$6,886
+1	\$700

Note: The 185% income standard is the only update being made for SNAP at this time. All other SNAP income standards are updated in October at the beginning of the federal fiscal year.

Employment Related Day Care (ERDC) Income Limits

Number in ERDC group	Gross income Limit (185% FPL)	Ongoing and exit limits (250% FPL or 85% of State Median Income, whichever is greater)
2	\$2,686	\$4,293
3	\$3,386	\$5,303
4	\$4,086	\$6,313
5	\$4,786	\$7,323
6	\$5,486	\$8,333
7	\$6,186	\$8,522
8 or more	\$6,886	\$9,305

Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) Non-Needy Caretaker Relative (NNCR) countable income

Number in filing group	NNCR countable income group
2	\$2,686
3	\$3,386
4	\$4,086
5	\$4,786
6	\$5,486
7	\$6,186
8	\$6,886
9	\$7,586
10	\$8,286
+1	\$700

HSD medical programs

Income thresholds and chart is attached [HERE](#).

Aging and People with Disabilities

Please refer to [APD-PT-21-006](#) for related updates.

The online Administrative Rules Manual (ARM) will be updated and become effective on March 1, 2021. The [Family Services Manual \(FSM\)](#) will be updated on March 1, 2021.

Training/communication plan:

Local/branch action required:

For SNAP and TANF begin using the new 185% FPL as of March 1, 2021.

For ERDC the emergency COVID-19 policy changes are still in effect. This means the initial ERDC income limit is currently set at the higher exit limit, 250% FPL or 85% SMI, whichever is greater.

For HSD medical programs, no action is required by staff. Once the ONE system is updated, the appropriate income thresholds will be considered depending on the month being evaluated; eligibility for EDGs prior to March will be determined using the 2020 income thresholds, and eligibility for March and ongoing EDGs will be determined using the 2021 income thresholds. For scenarios where March eligibility was determined prior to the implementation of the new standards, individuals who would have received a different eligibility determination under the new thresholds will be systematically identified and re-evaluated.

Central office action required: OARs [461-155-0180](#) and [410-200-0315](#) will be filed on March 1, 2021 with the new federal poverty guidelines.

Field/stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing instructions:

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