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Informational Letter

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I. Purpose

The purpose of this Informational Letter (INF) is to transmit to the local departments of social services (LDSSs) the 2015 income standards to be used in determining eligibility for services.

II. Background

State income standards are established using [poverty guidelines](#) that are updated periodically in the Federal Register [\[80 FR 3236\]](#) by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under authority of 42 U.S.C. §9902(2). LDSSs' eligibility levels are recorded in Appendix F of the LDSS Child and Family Services Plan. This information is used to update each LDSS's Welfare Management System services matrix.

III. Program Implications

The following are the income standards that are to be used, effective June 1, 2015, to determine eligibility for services between June 1, 2015, and May 31, 2016.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Income Standards</u>
1	\$11,770
2	15,930
3	20,090
4	24,250
5	28,410
6	32,570
7	36,730
8	40,890

For families/households with more than eight persons, add \$4,160 for each additional person.

When determining eligibility for a service, apply the appropriate percentage for that service to the above income standards. For example, if a family of three is applying for a service that an LDSS provides at 200 percent income level, multiply the income standard for a family of three by 200 percent ($\$20,090 \times 2.00 = \$40,180$), to determine the income eligibility for that size family for that service.

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