Informational Letter

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<td>18 NYCRR §§ 404.5(b), 415.1, 415.2</td>
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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 2022 federal poverty guidelines on annual income to be used in determining eligibility for services.

II. Background

State income standards are established using poverty guidelines\(^1\) that are updated periodically in the Federal Register [87 Fed. Reg. 3315] by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, under the authority of 42 U.S.C. § 9902(2). LDSS 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.

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III. Program Implications

The following are the annual income standards to be used, effective June 1, 2022, to determine eligibility for services between June 1, 2022, and May 31, 2023.

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For families/households with more than eight persons, add $4,720 to the annual income 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 an LDSS service and has an annual income below 200% of the income standard, staff would multiply that income standard for a family of three by 200% ($23,030 x 2.00 = $46,060) to determine the annual income standard below which the family must be to determine eligibility for that size family for that service.

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