

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 07-10

DATE: March 25, 2011
TO: Maryland Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant Recipients
SUBJECT: Revised Federal Poverty Level Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL)
REFERENCES: Public Law 105-220 – Workforce Investment Act
20 CFR 652 – Workforce Investment Act: Final Rule
Federal Register/Vol. 76, No. 13
Federal Register/Vol. 76, No. 54

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses defined in the law. WIA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level. In accordance with the Act, Health and Human Services/Office of the Secretary has released the revised 2011 figures for poverty levels and the Department of Labor has released the revised 2011 LLSIL.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

All Maryland WIA grant recipients should use one of the attached charts, either the 2011 Poverty Income Guidelines or the 2011 70 percent LLSIL (whichever is higher), to determine if applicants are low income for those programs that require it. These new poverty income guidelines are now available in MWE. All intake personnel are to be advised of the changes and refer to the revised guidelines

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Attachment



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**2011 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)- 70%
and
Poverty Income Guidelines for The State of Maryland**

2011 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Size of Family	Poverty Guideline
1.....	\$10,890
2.....	\$14,710
3.....	\$18,530
4.....	\$22,350
5.....	\$26,170
6.....	\$29,990
7.....	\$33,810
8.....	\$37,630

*For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,820 for each additional person.

70% LLSIL

Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	Over 6 Add
Anne Arundel County WIA	10,673 *	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Baltimore City WIA	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
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Frederick County WIA	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Lower Shore WIA	8,265*	13,540*	18,583	22,940	27,071	31,659	4,588
Mid Maryland WIA							
Carroll County	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Howard County	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Montgomery County WIA	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Prince George's County WIA	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Southern Maryland WIA							
Calvert County	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Charles County	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
St. Mary's County	8,265*	13,540*	18,583	22,940	27,071	31,659	4,588
Susquehanna Region WIA							
Cecil County	9,563*	15,669	21,510	26,551	31,337	36,643	5,306
Harford County	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Upper Shore WIA	8,265*	13,540*	18,583	22,940	27,071	31,659	4,588
Queen Anne's County	10,673*	17,491	24,008	29,635	34,976	40,904	5,928
Western Maryland WIA							
Allegany County	8,447*	13,841*	18,998	23,454	27,682	32,375	4,693
Washington County	8,447*	13,841*	18,998	23,454	27,682	32,375	4,693
Garrett County	8,265*	13,540*	18,583	22,940	27,071	31,659	4,588

* Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures

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