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TO: Commissioners, TA Directors, FS Directors, WMS Coordinators, CAP/TOP Coordinators, HEAP Coordinators, Staff Development Coordinators

FROM: Russell Sykes, Deputy Commissioner, Center for Employment & Economic Supports

SUBJECT: Extension of the 2009 Emergency Program Income Guidelines for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF)

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2010

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Each year, The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the official Federal Poverty Guidelines. OTDA uses these guidelines annually when establishing the income guidelines for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF). The newly calculated income guidelines for ESNA and EAF become effective on April 1 each year.

Congress has taken action to keep the 2009 poverty guidelines in effect until at least March 31, 2010. In the absence of newly published poverty guidelines for 2010, agencies must continue using the 2009 income guidelines listed below when determining eligibility for ESNA and EAF, until further notice:

2009 ESNA 125% of Federal Income Official Poverty Level Guidelines
(Adjusted Annually)
By Family Size

| Household Size | Annual | Monthly (Rounded) |
|-------------------|----------|-------------------|
| 1 | \$13,538 | \$1,128 |
| 2 | 18,213 | 1,518 |
| 3 | 22,888 | 1,907 |
| 4 | 27,563 | 2,297 |
| 5 | 32,238 | 2,686 |
| 6 | 36,913 | 3,076 |
| 7 | 41,588 | 3,466 |
| 8 | 46,263 | 3,855 |
| Additional Person | \$4,675 | \$ 390 |

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200% of Federal Poverty Level Guidelines
2009 EAF Gross Income Test (Adjusted Annually)
By Family Size

| Size of Family Unit | Federal Poverty | | 200% Federal Poverty Guideline | |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | Annual | Monthly (Actual Rounded) | Annual | Monthly (Actual Rounded) |
| 1 | \$10,830 | \$ 902 | \$21,660 | \$1,805 |
| 2 | 14,570 | 1,214 | 29,140 | 2,428 |
| 3 | 18,310 | 1,526 | 36,620 | 3,052 |
| 4 | 22,050 | 1,838 | 44,100 | 3,675 |
| 5 | 25,790 | 2,149 | 51,580 | 4,298 |
| 6 | 29,530 | 2,461 | 59,060 | 4,922 |
| 7 | 33,270 | 2,772 | 66,540 | 5,545 |
| 8 | 37,010 | 3,084 | 74,020 | 6,168 |
| Additional Person | \$ 3,740 | \$ 312 | \$ 7,480 | \$ 623 |