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SUBJECT: Update on the 2010 Earned Income Disregard (EID) and Poverty Level Test

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The Welfare Reform Act of 1997 (WRA) required the use of a new budgeting methodology employing a flat percentage Earned Income Disregard (EID). In addition, the WRA also imposed a Poverty Level Income Test (PLT) that requires a household's total gross earned and unearned income be at or below the federal established poverty level by family size. The EID and the PLT are adjusted annually effective June 1 using the most recent Poverty Level Guidelines as published by the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services. Guidelines published in 2009 remain in effect at this time.

The 2010-2011 EID will remain at the current rate of 52%. Additionally, there is no change to the Poverty Level Income Test for the period beginning June 1, 2010 and ending May 31, 2011. For further information about the EID or the PLT, please reference 09-ADM-05.

Poverty Level Income Test

Household Size	Annual	Monthly (Rounded)
1	\$10,830	\$ 902
2	14,570	1,214
3	18,310	1,526
4	22,050	1,838
5	25,790	2,149
6	29,530	2,461
7	33,270	2,772
8	37,010	3,084
Additional Person	\$3,740	\$ 312