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SUBJECT: 2015-16 Income Guidelines for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF)

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The income standard for Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) and Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF) is tied to the official Federal Poverty Guidelines which are updated annually by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).

Emergency Safety Net Assistance

Financial eligibility for ESNA is 125% of the official Federal Poverty Guidelines. The following income guidelines for ESNA are effective April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016.

**ESNA 125% of Federal Income Poverty Guidelines
by Family Size (Adjusted Annually)**

Household Size	Annual	Monthly (Rounded)
1	\$14,713	\$1,226
2	\$19,913	\$1,659
3	\$25,113	\$2,093
4	\$30,313	\$2,526
5	\$35,513	\$2,959
6	\$40,713	\$3,393
7	\$45,913	\$3,826
8	\$51,113	\$4,259
Additional	\$ 5,200	\$ 433

¹ Whenever 'Temporary Assistance' or 'TA' is used in this document, it means 'Family Assistance' and 'Safety Net Assistance.' Statutorily, these programs are referred to as 'Public Assistance.'

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Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children

Financial eligibility for EAF is determined by the gross income immediately available to the applicant on the date of application; if that income is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level for that household size, or if the household is eligible to receive TA. The following income guidelines for EAF are effective April 1, 2015 through March 31, 2016. For additional EAF eligibility requirements, see TASB Chapter 11.

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

Household Size	Federal Poverty		200% Federal Poverty Guidelines	
	Annual	Monthly	Annual	Monthly
1	\$11,770	\$ 981	\$23,540	\$1,962
2	\$15,930	\$1,328	\$31,860	\$2,655
3	\$20,090	\$1,674	\$40,180	\$3,348
4	\$24,250	\$2,021	\$48,500	\$4,042
5	\$28,410	\$2,368	\$56,820	\$4,735
6	\$32,570	\$2,714	\$65,140	\$5,428
7	\$36,730	\$3,061	\$73,460	\$6,122
8	\$40,890	\$3,408	\$81,780	\$6,815
Additional	\$ 4,160	\$ 347	\$ 8,320	\$ 693

SNAP

Please note that these Federal Poverty Level Guidelines do **not** go into effect for SNAP on April 1st. Poverty guidelines for SNAP are updated each year on October 1st.

Diversions requirements for TA do not apply to SNAP. A separate determination for SNAP eligibility must be done for individuals applying for both TA and SNAP who are being diverted from TA and are not already in receipt of SNAP benefits. Districts should encourage individuals expressing concern about not having enough food or money to buy food (food insecurity) to apply for SNAP.

As always, on the day of application filing, all households that are applying for SNAP benefits, including those applying for case benefits, must be screened to determine if they are eligible for expedited processing of their SNAP benefits. For those households that are found eligible for expedited processing, the district must process the application, and if determined eligible, issue the benefit in accordance with 18 NYCRR 387.8(a)(2)(i).

The Federal Poverty Level for SNAP eligibility determinations are adjusted each October. The income guidelines provided in GIS 14 TA/DC033 remain in effect for SNAP.