

Poverty Guidelines for Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act Programs

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The purpose of this document is to provide a convenient place for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and their service providers to find information on poverty guidelines for Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act programs. Various programs use the guidelines for eligibility criteria, targeting, and or/reporting purposes. Tables A,B,C,D and E, along with the Individual Program Eligibility criteria, provide the most current poverty guidelines available. It is the AAA's responsibility to implement program eligibility criteria updates in accordance with the information provided.

The Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9002(2). Legislation enacted in late 2009 and early 2010 prohibited publication of 2010 poverty guidelines before May 31, 2010, and required that the 2009 poverty guidelines remain in effect until publication of updated guidelines. Legislation to further delay publication of the 2010 guidelines did not pass. The procedure for updating the 2010 guidelines was modified to take into account the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the period for which their publication was delayed. As a result, the poverty guideline figures for the remainder of 2010 — given below — were the same as the 2009 poverty guideline figures.

Please provide these eligibility, reporting, and targeting requirements to the applicable service providers to ensure program compliance. Inquiries should be directed to your assigned AAA-Based Team.

2010 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$10,830	\$13,530	\$12,460
2	14,570	18,210	16,760
3	18,310	22,890	21,060
4	22,050	27,570	25,360
5	25,790	32,250	29,660
6	29,530	36,930	33,960
7	33,270	41,610	38,260
8	37,010	46,290	42,560
For each additional person, add:	\$3,740	\$4,680	\$4,300

SOURCE: *Federal Register*, Vol.75, No.148, August 3, 2010, pp. 45628-45629
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/10poverty.shtml>

Program Table

TABLE - A

PROGRAM	DEFINITION	PURPOSE	REFERENCE	ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL	MONTHLY AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL	ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR COUPLE	MONTHLY AMOUNT FOR COUPLE	LAST UPDATE
Title III OAA	100% FPG	Targeting & Reporting	OAA, Title III Sec. 301-316; CCR, Title 22, Sec. 7310(a)(1)	\$10,830	\$903	\$14,570	\$1,214	Aug 2010
Title V SCSEP	125% FPG ²	Eligibility & Reporting	OAA, Title V Sec. 501-518	\$13,538	\$1,128	\$18,213	\$1,518	Sept 2010
HICAP								Sept 2010

*Monthly amount may not total yearly amount due to rounding.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III Programs shall use the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for targeting and reporting purposes. These programs do not have income eligibility requirements for participation. The AAAs shall consider the needs of individuals at or below 100 percent of the FPG in targeting services. Services shall be targeted to those with the greatest social and economic need with particular attention to low-income minority individuals, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 1.8, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 7310. See Table B.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Title V shall use 125 percent of the FPG for eligibility criteria and reporting purposes. For additional information, refer to the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Advisory System at <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors>. The Department of Labor 2010 FPG rates remain the same as the 2009 poverty guideline figures per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 06-10, August 11, 2010. See Table C. (http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=2933).

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides federal poverty level (FPL) information to beneficiaries and their representatives for referral and assistance to other programs, as needed.

Community-Based Services Programs (CBSP)

All Older Californians Act (OCA) State General Fund support for the CBSP programs were eliminated beginning in Fiscal Year 2010/11. Statutory authority for the Alzheimer's Day Care Resource Center (ADCRC); Brown Bag; Linkages; and Senior Companion continues under the Older Californians Act (OCA) and programs have been suspended until further notice.

Percent of 2010 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables
(Poverty levels at 100%, 125%, 135%, 150%)

TABLE - B	
2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%
1	\$10,830
2	14,570
3	18,310
4	22,050
5	25,790
6	29,530
7	33,270
8	37,010
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$3,740 for each additional person.	

TABLE - C	
2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%
1	\$13,538
2	18,213
3	22,888
4	27,563
5	32,328
6	36,913
7	41,588
8	46,263
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,675 for each additional person.	

TABLE - D	
2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%
1	\$14,621
2	19,670
3	24,719
4	29,768
5	34,817
6	39,866
7	44,915
8	49,964
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,049 for each additional person.	

TABLE - E	
2010 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%
1	\$16,245
2	21,855
3	27,465
4	33,075
5	38,685
6	44,295
7	49,905
8	55,515
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,610 for each additional person.	