

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 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). On January 26, 2012, HHS published the new 2012 poverty guidelines.

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.

2012 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$11,170	\$13,970	\$12,860
2	15,130	18,920	17,410
3	19,090	23,870	21,960
4	23,050	28,820	26,510
5	27,010	33,770	31,060
6	30,970	38,720	35,610
7	34,930	43,670	40,160
8	38,890	48,620	44,710
For each additional person, add	3,960	4,950	4,550

SOURCE: *Federal Register*, Vol.77, No.17, January 26, 2012, pp. 4034-4035
<http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/12poverty.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)	\$11,170	\$931	\$15,130	\$1,261	Jan 2012
Title V SCSEP	125% FPG	Eligibility & Reporting	OAA, Title V Sec. 501-518	\$13,963	\$1,164	\$18,913	\$1,576	Jan 2012
HICAP								

*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 PLG 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 FPG rates were adjusted per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 16-11, February 21, 2012, located at http://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/corr_doc.cfm?DOCN=8102. See PLG Table C.

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.

Percent of 2012 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables

(Poverty levels at 100%, 125%, 135%, 150%)

TABLE - B	
2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%
1	\$11,170
2	15,130
3	19,090
4	23,050
5	27,010
6	30,970
7	34,930
8	38,890
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$3,960 for each additional person.	

TABLE - C	
2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%
1	\$13,963
2	18,913
3	23,863
4	28,813
5	33,763
6	38,713
7	43,663
8	48,613
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,950 for each additional person.	

TABLE - D	
2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%
1	\$15,080
2	20,426
3	25,772
4	31,118
5	36,464
6	41,810
7	47,156
8	52,502
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,346 for each additional person.	

TABLE - E	
2011 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%
1	\$16,755
2	22,695
3	28,635
4	34,575
5	40,515
6	46,455
7	52,395
8	58,335
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,940 for each additional person.	