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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Subrecipients

FROM: Azhar Mahboob, Program Manager   
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DATE: September 25, 2019

SUBJECT: FFY 2019 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines

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Enclosed is a chart detailing 150% of the FFY 2019 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines released February 1, 2019. These guidelines are for use in the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) beginning October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

For the LIHEAP program, DEO has the responsibility for determining what constitutes income to the extent that the definition is not already contained in legislation or regulations. Enclosed is a chart which reflects income that is allowable for the LIHEAP program.

If you have any questions regarding the guidelines, please contact your DEO contract manager at (850) 717-8450. Thank you.

Enclosures



**FLORIDA DEPARTMENT *of*  
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY**

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)  
POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINES\***

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019**

<b>PEOPLE IN THE HOUSEHOLD</b>	<b>150%</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>\$18,735</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>\$25,365</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>\$31,995</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>\$38,625</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>\$45,255</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>\$51,885</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>\$58,515</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>\$65,145</b>
<b>For each additional person in the household with more than 8 people, add:</b>	<b>\$ 6,630</b>

\*These figures are based on the 2019 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines published in the *Federal Register* on February 1, 2019.

**LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LIHEAP)**

**ALLOWABLE SOURCES OF INCOME**

**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2019**

<p align="center"><b>INCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME</b> (Includes total annual cash receipts before taxes from all sources)</p>	<p align="center"><b>EXCLUDED SOURCES OF INCOME</b></p>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Money wages and salaries before any deductions</li> <li>2. Net receipts from non-farm employment (receipts from a person's own unincorporated business, professional enterprise, or partnership, after deductions for business expenses)</li> <li>3. Net receipts from farm self-employment (receipts from a farm which one operates as an owner, renter, or sharecropper, after deductions for farm operating expenses)</li> <li>4. <u>REGULAR PAYMENTS FROM:</u>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Social Security</li> <li>Railroad retirement</li> <li>Unemployment compensation</li> <li>Strike benefits from union funds</li> <li>Worker's compensation</li> <li>Veteran's payments</li> <li>Public Assistance or Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income, and non-federally funded General Assistance or General Relief money payments.</li> </ul> </li> <li>5. Payments to foster children age 18 or older received through the Independent Living Program</li> <li>6. Training stipends</li> <li>7. Alimony</li> <li>8. Child Support</li> <li>9. Social Security Benefit Garnishes for Non-Payment of School Loans. (The total amount of the Social Security Retirement benefit <b>including</b> the garnished deduction must be used when calculating the applicant's income.)</li> <li>10. Military family allotment or other regular support from a family member or someone not living in the household</li> <li>11. Private pensions</li> <li>12. Government employee pensions (including military retirement pay)</li> <li>13. Regular insurance or annuity payments</li> <li>14. Educational Assistance:  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Grants, Fellowships, Assistantships, College or University Scholarships – <b><u>Only count as income those funds specifically allotted for living expenses</u></b></li> </ul> </li> <li>15. Dividends</li> <li>16. Interest</li> <li>17. Net rental income</li> <li>18. Net royalties</li> <li>19. Periodic receipts from estates or trusts</li> <li>20. Net gambling or lottery winnings</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>CAPITAL GAINS</u>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Any Assets drawn down as withdrawals from a bank, the sale of property, a house or a car.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. Tax Refunds</li> <li>3. Gifts</li> <li>4. Loans</li> <li>5. Lump-sum inheritances</li> <li>6. One-time insurance payments</li> <li>7. Foster Care Payments*</li> <li>8. Compensation for injury</li> <li>9. Combat zone pay to the military</li> <li>10. Adoption Subsidies</li> <li>11. Reverse Mortgage Payments</li> <li>12. <u>NON-CASH BENEFITS</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Employer-paid or union paid portion of health insurance or other employee benefits</li> <li>(b) Food or housing received in lieu of wages</li> <li>(c) The value of food and fuel produced and consumed on farms.</li> <li>(d) The imputed value of rent from owner-occupied non-farm or farm housing.</li> <li>(e) Federal non-cash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps, school lunches, and housing assistance.</li> </ol> </li> <li>13. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits cannot be garnished for any reason <u>unless</u> a recipient received an overpayment of benefits.  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The total amount of the SSI benefit <b>minus</b> the garnished deduction for recoupment must be used when calculating the applicant's income.</li> </ul> </li> </ol> <p>*Persons whose cost of residence is paid through a foster care or residential program administered by the state <u>cannot</u> be counted as household members.</p>