

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 12-12

- **DATE**: March 28, 2013
- TO: Maryland Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant Recipients and Subrecipients Labor Exchange Administrators
- SUBJECT: Revised Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)
- REFERENCES: Workforce Investment Act of 1998, (29 United States Code 2801 et seq.), Public Law 105-220, as amended 20 CFR 652 – Workforce Investment Act: Final Rule Federal Register/Vol. 78, No. 16 Federal Register/Vol. 78, No. 53
- **BACKGROUND:** Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses defined in the law. WIA defines the term "low income individual" as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level. In accordance with the Workforce Investment Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released the revised 2013 figures for poverty levels and the U.S. Department of Labor has released the revised 2013 LLSIL.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN:

- **3E TAKEN:** All Maryland WIA grant recipients and subrecipients should use one of the attached charts, either the 2013 Poverty Guidelines or the 2013 LLSIL 70 percent (whichever is higher), to determine if applicants are low income for those programs that require it. These income guidelines are available in the Maryland Workforce Exchange Virtual One Stop (MWE/VOS) system. All intake personnel are to be advised of the changes and refer to the revised guidelines.
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- **EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 19, 2013

Attachment

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2013 HHS Poverty Guidelines

| | Poverty Guideline |
|---|-------------------|
| 1 | \$11,490 |
| 2 | \$15,510 |
| 3 | \$19,530 |
| 4 | \$23,550 |
| 5 | \$27,570 |
| 6 | \$31,590 |
| 7 | \$35,610 |
| 8 | \$39,630 |
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*For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,020 for each additional person.

Size of Family

2013 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70%

| Area | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | Over 6 Add |
|----------------------------|----------|---------|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------|
| Anne Arundel County WIA | 11,224 * | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Baltimore City WIA | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Baltimore County WIA | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Frederick County WIA | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Lower Shore WIA | 8,759* | 14,349* | 19,693 | 24,311 | 28,689 | 33,551 | 4,862 |
| Mid Maryland WIA | | | | | | | |
| Carroll County | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Howard County | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Montgomery County WIA | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Prince George's County WIA | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Southern Maryland WIA | | | | | | | |
| Calvert County | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Charles County | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| St. Mary's County | 8,759* | 14,349* | 19,693 | 24,311 | 28,689 | 33,551 | 4,862 |
| Susquehanna Region WIA | | | | | | | |
| Cecil County | 10,008* | 16,398 | 22,510 | 27,786 | 32,794 | 38,347 | 5,553 |
| Harford County | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Upper Shore WIA | 8,759* | 14,349* | 19,693 | 24,311 | 28,689 | 33,551 | 4,862 |
| Queen Anne's County | 11,224* | 18,394 | 25,248 | 31,165 | 36,782 | 43,016 | 6,234 |
| Western Maryland WIA | | | | | | | |
| Allegany County | 8,857* | 14,513* | 19,919 | 24,592 | 29,025 | 33,946 | 4,921 |
| Washington County | 8,857* | 14,513* | 19,919 | 24,592 | 29,025 | 33,946 | 4,921 |
| Garrett County | 8,759* | 14,349* | 19,693 | 24,311 | 28,689 | 33,551 | 4,862 |

* Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures

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