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**DEPARTMENT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES
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TO: Local Workforce Development Areas/Service Providers

SUBJECT: 2015 HHS Poverty Guidelines and DOL 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) Information

- Purpose:** To provide local workforce development areas and service providers with a correction to the guide to the annually updated HHS Poverty Guidelines and DOL 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) information.
- General Information:** The Employment and Training Administration published in the Federal Register on Friday, March 27, 2015 an announcement of the LLSIL. The announcement had the incorrect income levels for the South Metro area. The table below, which is provided for your convenience in determining income eligibility for Workforce Investment Act and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs, has been updated to reflect the correction to the 70% LLSIL Metro numbers. This is retroactive to March 27, 2015.

Family Size	Poverty Guideline (Effective 01-22-15)	70% LLSIL	70% LLSIL
		<u>Metro</u> (Effective 03-27-15)	<u>Non-Metro</u> (Effective 03-27-15)
1	\$11,770	\$ 8,982	\$ 8,961
2	\$15,930	\$14,717	\$14,681
3	\$20,090	\$20,199	\$20,149
4	\$24,250	\$24,937	\$24,873
5	\$28,410	\$29,432	\$29,353
6	\$32,570	\$34,422	\$34,327
7	\$36,730	\$39,813	\$39,301
8	\$40,890	\$45,204	\$44,275

For Poverty Guideline purposes, for each family member over eight (8), add \$4,160. For 70% LLSIL purposes, for each family member over eight (8), add \$5,391 for Metro and \$4,974 for Non-Metro.

Based on Census 2010, **effective in 2015**, the following counties in Arkansas are Metro: Benton, Cleveland, Craighead, Crawford, Crittenden, Faulkner, Garland, Grant, Jefferson, Lincoln, Little River, Lonoke, Madison, Miller, Perry, Poinsett, Pulaski, Saline, Sebastian, and Washington. All other counties are Non-Metro.

3. **Action Required:** Please ensure that this information is provided to appropriate staff.
4. **Inquiries:** Carolyn Talley at 501-683-2528 or carolyn.talley@arkansas.gov
5. **Expiration Date:** Continuing