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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 program guidance on the application of the LLSIL corrections for eligibility determination.
- Background:** The Employment and Training Administration (ETA) 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. On July 27, 2015, we published Issuance Number PY 14-08, Change 2 which provided a corrected table (See below) for determining income eligibility for Workforce Investment Act and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act programs. It was updated to reflect the correction to the 70% LLSIL Metro numbers. At that time, ETA indicated that the correction was retroactive to March 27, 2015.

Family Size	Poverty Guideline (Effective 01-22-15)	70% LLSIL	
		Metro (Effective 03-27-15)	Non-Metro (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. **Change to the Application of LLSIL Corrections:** ETA has subsequently published Training and Employment Guidance Letter Number 10-15, dated December 22, 2015, which states that all program participants who were determined eligible for services under the LLSIL levels published in the March 27, 2015 Federal Register Notice should remain eligible for WIA/WOIA Title I services, even if they would not qualify under the corrected LLSIL levels. All program participants whose eligibility is determined subsequent to this notification should be evaluated based on the LLSIL levels provided in the July 16, 2015 Federal Register Notice, and contained in the table above. Any eligibility determinations made using the corrected LLSIL levels on July 16, 2015 or thereafter are and remain valid.
4. **Action Required:** Please ensure that this information is provided to appropriate staff.
5. **Inquiries:** Carolyn Talley at 501-683-2528 or carolyn.talley@arkansas.gov
6. **Expiration Date:** Continuing