

## Poverty Guidelines for Older Americans Act and Older Californians Act Programs Updated: February 2017

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. 9902(2). On January 26, 2017, HHS published the new 2017 poverty guidelines.

**Please provide these eligibility, reporting, and targeting requirements to the applicable service providers to ensure program compliance. Inquiries may be directed to the CDA Data Team at [DataTeam.Reports@aging.ca.gov](mailto:DataTeam.Reports@aging.ca.gov).**

### 2017 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

| Persons<br>in Family<br>or Household | 48 Contiguous<br>States and D.C. | Alaska   | Hawaii   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------|----------|
| 1                                    | \$12,060                         | \$15,060 | \$13,860 |
| 2                                    | 16,240                           | 20,290   | 18,670   |
| 3                                    | 20,420                           | 25,520   | 23,480   |
| 4                                    | 24,600                           | 30,750   | 28,290   |
| 5                                    | 28,780                           | 35,980   | 33,100   |
| 6                                    | 32,960                           | 41,210   | 37,910   |
| 7                                    | 37,140                           | 46,440   | 42,720   |
| 8                                    | 41,320                           | 51,670   | 47,530   |
| For each additional<br>person, add   | \$4,180                          | \$5,230  | \$4,810  |

**SOURCE:** *Federal Register*, Vol.82, No.19, January 26, 2017, 8831-8832

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/31/2017-02076/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>

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 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------------------|--|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|-------------|
| <b>Title III OAA</b> | 100% FPG   | Targeting & Reporting   | OAA Title I, Sec 102(a)(23) CCR, Title 22, Sec. 7310(a)(1) | \$12,060                     | \$1,005                       | \$16,240                 | \$1,353                   | Jan 2017    |
| <b>Title V SCSEP</b> | 125% FPG   | Eligibility & Reporting | OAA, Title V Sec. 518(a)(3)(A)                             | \$15,075                     | \$1,256                       | \$20,300                 | \$1,692                   | Jan 2017    |
| <b>HICAP</b>         |            |                         |  |                              |                               |                          |                           |             |

\*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 FPG 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. 22-16, March 8, 2017, located at [https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL\\_22-16\\_acc.pdf](https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_22-16_acc.pdf). See FPG 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 2017 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables**

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

| <b>TABLE - B</b>   |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>   |                                  |
| <b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>  | <b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%</b> |
| 1  | \$12,060                         |
| 2  | 16,240                           |
| 3  | 20,420                           |
| 4  | 24,600                           |
| 5  | 28,780                           |
| 6  | 32,960                           |
| 7  | 37,140                           |
| 8  | 41,320                           |
| For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person. |                                  |

| <b>TABLE - C</b>   |                                  |
|--|----------------------------------|
| <b>2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>   |                                  |
| <b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>  | <b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%</b> |
| 1  | \$15,075                         |
| 2  | 20,300                           |
| 3  | 25,525                           |
| 4  | 30,750                           |
| 5  | 35,975                           |
| 6  | 41,200                           |
| 7  | 46,425                           |
| 8  | 51,650                           |
| For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,225 for each additional person. |                                  |

| <b>TABLE - D</b>   |                                  |
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| <b>2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>   |                                  |
| <b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>  | <b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%</b> |
| 1  | \$16,281                         |
| 2  | 21,924                           |
| 3  | 27,567                           |
| 4  | 33,210                           |
| 5  | 38,853                           |
| 6  | 44,496                           |
| 7  | 50,139                           |
| 8  | 55,782                           |
| For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,643 for each additional person. |                                  |

| <b>TABLE - E</b>   |                                  |
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| <b>2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES</b>   |                                  |
| <b>PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT</b>  | <b>POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%</b> |
| 1  | \$18,090                         |
| 2  | 24,360                           |
| 3  | 30,630                           |
| 4  | 36,900                           |
| 5  | 43,170                           |
| 6  | 49,440                           |
| 7  | 55,710                           |
| 8  | 61,980                           |
| For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$6,270 for each additional person. |                                  |