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2021 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL GUIDELINES FOR EAF AND ESNA CATEGORIES OF ASSISTANCE (EXP-76D)

Date: April 1, 2021	Subtopic(s): Forms, Income, Eligibility
<p>See PD #15-23-ELI for the EAF procedure.</p>	<p>The purpose of this policy bulletin is to inform all Job Center staff that the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF) and Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) Categories of Assistance (EXP-76D) has been revised to reflect the 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines.</p> <p>The 200% Federal Poverty Guidelines and the 125% Federal Poverty Guidelines that are listed on the EXP-76D are applied when a request for EAF or ESNA is made. The 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines for EAF and ESNA are effective April 1, 2021 through March 31, 2022.</p> <p>In order for a household to be financially eligible for EAF, the household's immediately available income on the date of application must be at or below the 200% Federal Poverty Guideline for their household size and the applicant must not have available resources to meet the emergency need.</p> <p>Note: Workers are reminded that they must explore eligibility for ESNA in instances in which a household is deemed ineligible for assistance under the EAF category.</p> <p>In order for a household to be financially eligible for ESNA, the household's total monthly gross income (regardless of its availability) must be at or below the 125% Federal Poverty Guideline for their household size.</p>

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Job Center Directors must ensure that the newly revised **EXP-76D** is used to determine financial eligibility for EAF and ESNA requests made on or after April 1, 2021. Job Center Directors must retain one copy of the March 19, 2020 version of the **EXP-76D** for use in determining financial eligibility for EAF/ESNA requests made prior to April 1, 2021. All other copies of previous versions of the **EXP-76D** must be removed from circulation and recycled.

A sample of the revised form is attached.

Effective April 1, 2021.

References:

Federal Register Volume 86, Issue Number 19, pages 7732-7734

18 NYCRR 370.3(b)(2)

18 NYCRR 372.2(a)(2)

03 ADM 11

02 ADM 02

Temporary Assistance Source Book (TASB)

- Chapter 2, Sections C and D
- Chapter 10, Section I
- Chapter 11, Section C
- Chapter 31, Section E (1,2)

Related Item:

PD #15-23-ELI Emergency Assistance to Needy Families with Children (EAF)

Attachment:

EXP-76D Federal Poverty Level Guidelines For Emergency Assistance To Families (EAF) and Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) Categories Of Assistance (Rev. 03/29/2021).

**Federal Poverty Level Guidelines for Emergency Assistance to Families (EAF)
and Emergency Safety Net Assistance (ESNA) Categories of Assistance**
(Effective April 1, 2021)

Size of Household	Federal Poverty Level		EAF – 200% of Poverty Level		ESNA – 125% of Poverty Level	
	Annual	Monthly (Rounded)	Annual	Monthly (Rounded)	Annual	Monthly (Rounded)
1	\$12,880	\$1,073	\$25,760	\$2,147	\$16,100	\$1,342
2	\$17,420	\$1,452	\$34,840	\$2,903	\$21,775	\$1,815
3	\$21,960	\$1,830	\$43,920	\$3,660	\$27,450	\$2,288
4	\$26,500	\$2,208	\$53,000	\$4,417	\$33,125	\$2,760
5	\$31,040	\$2,587	\$62,080	\$5,173	\$38,800	\$3,233
6	\$35,580	\$2,965	\$71,160	\$5,930	\$44,475	\$3,706
7	\$40,120	\$3,343	\$80,240	\$6,687	\$50,150	\$4,179
8	\$44,660	\$3,722	\$89,320	\$7,443	\$55,825	\$4,652
9	\$49,200	\$4,100	\$98,400	\$8,200	\$61,500	\$5,125
10	\$53,740	\$4,478	\$107,480	\$8,957	\$67,175	\$5,598
For each additional member:	\$4,540	\$379	\$9,080	\$757	\$5,675	\$473