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# **Informational Letter**

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| Subject:                        | 2011 Income Standards for the Child and Family Services Plan   |  |  |  |
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## **Filing References**

| Previous<br>ADMs/INFs | Releases<br>Cancelled | Dept. Regs. | Soc. Serv. Law &<br>Other Legal Ref. | Manual Ref. | Misc. Ref. |
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#### I. Purpose

The purpose of this Information Letter is to transmit the 2011 income standards to be used in determining eligibility for services.

### II. Background

State income standards are established using poverty guidelines [76 Fed Reg 3637-02] that are updated periodically in the <u>Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health</u> and <u>Human Services</u> under authority of 42 U.S.C. §9902(2). Local district eligibility levels are recorded in Appendix F of the local district Child and Family Services Plan. This information is used to update each local district's Welfare Management System services matrix.

#### **III.** Program Implications

The following are the income standards that are to be used, effective June 1, 2011, to determine eligibility for services between June 1, 2011, and May 31, 2012.

| Family Size | Income Standards |
|-------------|------------------|
| 1           | \$10,890         |
| 2           | 14,710           |
| 3           | 18,530           |
| 4           | 22,350           |
| 5           | 26,170           |
| 6           | 29,990           |
| 7           | 33,810           |
| 8           | 37,630           |

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$3,820 for each additional person.

When determining eligibility for a service, apply the appropriate percentage for that service to the above income standards. For example, if a family of three is applying for a service that a social services district provides at 200% income level, multiply the income standard for a family of three by 200% (18,530 x 2.00 = \$37,060) to determine the income eligibility for that size family for that service.

/s/ Nancy W. Martinez

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