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TO: Agency Directors, Fiscal Officers and Weatherization Coordinators
FROM: Chris Shoopman, Weatherization Program Coordinator
RE: Income Guidelines
DATE: 09/01/2015

Greetings,

This year, for the first time, HHS has agreed to allow states to align the LIHEAP WX income eligibility threshold with the US DOE programs.

We currently use two sets of criteria, one for up to 60% state median income (SMI) and one for 61% SMI up to 200% Federal Poverty Level (FPL). Beginning October 1, 2015 we will shift the income threshold to 200% FPL for all OHCS administered WX grants (ECHO, BPA, DOE WAP, and LIHEAP WX) while maintaining the definition of income as identified in the Energy Assistance Operations Manual. This income threshold is to be used when certifying or re-certifying households after October 1, 2015.

OHCS believes that this will make eligibility determination less burdensome as well as minimize the potential for error by using a single consistent income threshold criteria and definition of income for all OHCS weatherization grants.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (503) 986-0972.

Best Regards,

Chris Shoopman
Weatherization Coordinator