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SUBJECT: Program Year 2012 Lower Living Standard Income Level Chart.

PURPOSE: To transmit the Program Year (PY) 2012 income chart identifying

the higher of the Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines and the

70% Lower Living Standard Income Level guidelines.

BACKGROUND: On January 26, 2012, the Federal Register posted notice of the

2011 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines. The U.S. Department of Labor published Lower Living Standard Income Levels (LLSIL) in the Federal Register on March 28, 2012. The LLSIL is used for several purposes under the Workforce Investment Act (WIA). Specifically, WIA Section 101(25) defines the term "low income individual" eligibility purposes, and sections 127(b)(2)(C)132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) define the terms "disadvantaged youth" and "disadvantaged adult" in terms of the poverty line or LLSIL for state formula allotments. North Carolina and local Workforce Development Boards use the LLSIL for determining eligibility for youth, eligibility for employed adult workers for certain services and for the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC). WIA Section 101(24) defines the LLSIL as "that income level (adjusted for regional, metropolitan, urban and rural differences and family size) determined annually by the U.S. Secretary of Labor based on the most recent lower living family budget issued by the Secretary."

ACTION: Workforce Investment Act Local Workforce Development Areas

are to use the attached PY 2012 Income Chart to determine low-income status of applicants for WIA services as defined in the

WIA legislation at Section 101(25).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 28, 2012

EXPIRATION DATE: Indefinite

DISTRIBUTION: Local Workforce Development Areas

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Attachment

Adjusted Income Chart Identifying the Higher of the Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines and the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level Guidelines, Including Metropolitan and Non-Metropolitan

Adjustments for Family Size Differences (Chart Reflects 6 Months Income)

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Family Size		Non-Metropolitan		Metroj	Metropolitan	
1		\$5,585		\$5,585		
2		\$7,565		\$7,565		
3		\$9,663		\$9,803		
4		\$11,928		\$12,102		
5		\$14,077		\$14,284		
6		\$16,462		\$16,705		
For each additional family member add:		\$2,385		\$2,421		
Metropolitan Statistical Area Counties						
Alamance County	Chatham County		Guilford County	Onslow County	Wake County	
Alexander County	Cumberland County		Haywood County	Orange County	Wayne County	
Anson County	Davie County		Henderson County	Pender County	Yadkin County	
Brunswick County	Durham County		Hoke County	Person County	York County (SC)	
Buncombe County	Edgecombe County		Johnston County	Pitt County	(SC)	
Burke County	Franklin County		Madison County	Randolph County		
Cabarrus County	Forsyth County		Mecklenburg County	Rockingham County	Rockingham County	
Caldwell County	Gaston County		Nash County	Stokes County		
Catawba County	Greene County		New Hanover County	Union County		

^{*} Source: N.C. Division of Employment Services, Labor Market Information, 2012

This chart is used to determine low-income individual status of applicants for WIA services as defined in the WIA legislation at Section 101(25).