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SUBJECT: Program Year 2009 Lower Living Standard Income Level Chart.

PURPOSE: To transmit the Program Year (PY) 2009 income chart identifying the higher of the Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines and the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level guidelines and rescind Local Area Issuance 2008-03.

BACKGROUND: The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services published Program Year 2009 poverty level income figures in the Federal Register on January 23, 2009. The U. S. Department of Labor published Lower Living Standard Income Levels in the Federal Register on March 26, 2009. The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIA. Specifically, WIA section 101(25) defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and sections 127(b)(2)(C) and 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 US Secretary of Labor based on the most recent lower living family budget issued by the Secretary."

ACTION: Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Local Workforce Development Areas are to use the attached PY 2009 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 26, 2009
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	METROPOLITAN		
1	\$5,415	\$5,415		
2	\$7,285	\$7,285		
3	\$9,155	\$9,155		
4	\$11,025	\$11,250		
5	\$12,895	\$13,278		
6	\$14,968	\$15,529		
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER ADD	\$2,073	\$2,251		
METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA COUNTIES				
Alexander County	Cumberland County	Guilford County	Onslow County	Wake County
Anson County	Davie County	Haywood County	Orange County	Wayne County
Brunswick County	Durham County	Henderson County	Pender County	Yadkin County
Buncombe County	Edgecombe County	Hoke County	Person County	York County (SC)
Burke County	Franklin County	Johnston County	Pitt County	
Cabarrus County	Forsyth County	Madison County	Randolph County	
Caldwell County	Gaston County	Mecklenburg County	Rockingham County	
Catawba County	Greene County	Nash County	Stokes County	

* Source: Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, Labor Market Information, 2009

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).