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SUBJECT: Program Year 2010 Lower Living Standard Income Level Chart.

PURPOSE: To transmit the Program Year (PY) 2010 income chart identifying the higher of the Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines and the 70% Lower Living Standard Income Level guidelines.

BACKGROUND: On January 22, 2010, the Federal Register posted notice as Congress took action to keep the 2009 U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Poverty Guidelines in effect until at least May 31, 2010. Per communication with the U.S. Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Office of Workforce Investment, since May 31, 2010 has passed and there have not been any changes in legislation, the 2009 Poverty Levels remain applicable.

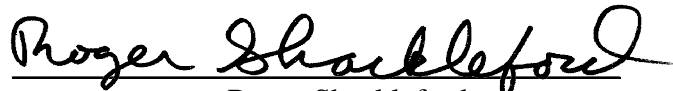
The U. S. Department of Labor published Lower Living Standard Income Levels in the Federal Register on May 7, 2010. The LLSIL is used for several purposes under WIA. Specifically, WIA section 101(25) defines the term "low income individual" for eligibility purposes, and sections 127(b) (2)(C) and 132(b)(1)(B)(v)(IV) 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 2010 Income Chart to determine “low-income” status of applicants for WIA services as defined in the WIA legislation at section 101(25). Should the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) issue changes to the Poverty Guidelines, the Income Chart will be updated as appropriate.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 7, 2010

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	\$9,163	\$9,368		
4	\$11,312	\$11,565		
5	\$13,459	\$13,650		
6	\$15,611	\$15,964		
FOR EACH ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBER ADD	\$2,152	\$2,314		
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	
Burke County	Franklin County	Madison County	Randolph County	
Cabarrus County	Forsyth County	Mecklenburg County	Rockingham County	
Caldwell County	Gaston County	Nash County	Stokes County	
Catawba County	Greene County	New Hanover County	Union County	

* Source: Employment Security Commission of North Carolina, Labor Market Information, 2010

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).