

WORKFORCE INVESTMENT FIELD INSTRUCTION (WIFI) No. 11-11

DATE: March 28, 2012

TO: Maryland Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Grant Recipients and Subrecipients
Labor Exchange Administrators

SUBJECT: Revised Federal Poverty Guidelines and Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

REFERENCES: Workforce Investment Act of 1998, (29 United States Code 2801 et seq.),
Public Law 105-220, as amended
20 CFR 652 – Workforce Investment Act: Final Rule
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**BACKGROUND
INFORMATION:**

Under Title I of the Workforce Investment Act, the Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses defined in the law. WIA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual who received income that does not exceed the higher of the poverty line or 70 percent of the lower living standard income level. In accordance with the Workforce Investment Act, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has released the revised 2012 figures for poverty levels and the U.S. Department of Labor has released the revised 2012 LLSIL.

**ACTION TO
BE TAKEN:**

All Maryland WIA grant recipients and subrecipients should use one of the attached charts, either the 2012 Poverty Guidelines or the 2012 LLSIL - 70 percent (whichever is higher), to determine if applicants are low income for those programs that require it. These income guidelines are available in the Maryland Workforce Exchange Virtual One Stop (MWE/VOS) system. All intake personnel are to be advised of the changes and refer to the revised guidelines.

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Attachment



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2012 Poverty Guidelines and 2012 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70% for The State of Maryland

Size of Family	2012 HHS Poverty Guidelines	Poverty Guideline
	1.....	\$11,170
	2.....	\$15,130
	3.....	\$19,090
	4.....	\$23,050
	5.....	\$27,010
	6.....	\$30,970
	7.....	\$34,930
	8.....	\$38,890

*For family units with more than 8 members, add \$3,960 for each additional person.

2012 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) - 70%

Area	1	2	3	4	5	6	Over 6 Add
Anne Arundel County WIA	10,994 *	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Baltimore City WIA	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Baltimore County WIA	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Frederick County WIA	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Lower Shore WIA	8,595*	14,081*	19,326	23,857	28,154	32,925	4,771
Mid Maryland WIA							
Carroll County	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Howard County	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Montgomery County WIA	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Prince George's County WIA	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Southern Maryland WIA							
Calvert County	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Charles County	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
St. Mary's County	8,595*	14,081*	19,326	23,857	28,154	32,925	4,771
Susquehanna Region WIA							
Cecil County	9,832*	16,108	22,112	27,294	32,214	37,669	5,455
Harford County	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Upper Shore WIA	8,595*	14,081*	19,326	23,857	28,154	32,925	4,771
Queen Anne's County	10,994*	18,016	24,729	30,524	36,026	42,132	6,106
Western Maryland WIA							
Allegany County	8,718*	14,284*	19,606	24,205	28,568	33,411	4,843
Washington County	8,718*	14,284*	19,606	24,205	28,568	33,411	4,843
Garrett County	8,595*	14,081*	19,326	23,857	28,154	32,925	4,771

* Poverty level is greater than the LLSIL figures
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