

MassWorkforce Issuance

Workforce Issuance No. 15-10

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To: Chief Elected Officials
Workforce Investment Board Chairs
Workforce Investment Board Directors
Title I Administrators
Career Center Directors
Title I Fiscal Officers
DCS Operations Managers

cc: WIA State Partners

From: Alice Sweeney, Director
Department of Career Services

Date: February 3, 2015

Subject: **2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines Released**

Purpose: To notify Local Workforce Investment Boards, One-Stop Career Center Operators and other local workforce investment partners of the annual update of the federal poverty guidelines for use in determining economically disadvantaged/low income status for eligibility under the Workforce Investment Act and other programs.

Background: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published the 2015 Federal poverty guidelines in the [Federal Register on January 22, 2015](#). These guidelines may be used as of that date.

Pending the publication of the ETA Lower Living Standard Income Levels for 2015 (March 2015), the higher of either the 2015 Poverty Income Guidelines or 70% of the 2014 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) shall be used for eligibility determination for WIA Title I and other programs using economically disadvantaged/low income status criteria. Until the MassWorkforce policy is updated for 2015, please reference Policy No. 14-23 for LLSIL for current U.S. Department of Labor data for your region.

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