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Policy Information

To: Chief Elected Officials
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MassHire Career Center Directors
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Massachusetts Commission for the Blind Offices and Providers
Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Providers
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Date: March 5, 2019

Subject: Federal Poverty Guidelines for Senior Community Service Employment – 2019

Purpose: To notify MassHire Workforce Boards, MassHire Career Center Operators and other workforce partners of the 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Grants released through U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Employment and Training Administration (ETA) Training and Employment Guidance Letter [\(TEGL\) No. 11-18](#).

Background: The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) published the updated Federal poverty guidelines for 2019 on January 11, 2019. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees. These numbers are multiplied by 125 percent to convert the poverty guidelines to “low-income” as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) Older Americans Act Amendments of 2006 (OAA).

Action

Required: Grantees must use the poverty and low-income guidelines (Attachment 1 within TEGL 11-18) when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility.

Effective: Grantees should use January 11, 2019 as the effective date for program operations as prescribed on the website.

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