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From: Secretary Thomas G. Kelley, Department of Veterans' Services  
To: Veterans' Service Officers  
Reference: 108 CMR 5.02(13) Medical Only Calculation

1. **Purpose.** Promulgation of the Federal Poverty Level.
2. **Federal Poverty Level.** The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is a function of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). HHS usually updates the FPL during the first or second week of February every year. As a convenience, DVS disseminates a chart of the FPL with a 200% calculation annually. However, this does not relieve the VSO of the responsibility of finding and using the new FPL when HHS publishes it. VSOs are directed to [www.hhs.gov/poverty](http://www.hhs.gov/poverty) or go to the local library and find the current HHS publications. The DVS staff will be happy to assist VSO's who have questions regarding FPL.
3. Attached please find the FY 2005 FPL and 200% calculation for purposes of the Medical Only Calculation, 108 CMR 5.02(13).





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### 2005 HHS Poverty Guidelines

Persons in Family Unit	FPL	200% FPL	Monthly
1	9,570	19,140	1,595
2	12,830	25,660	2,138
3	16,090	32,180	2,682
4	19,350	38,700	3,225
5	22,610	45,220	3,768
6	25,870	51,740	4,312
7	29,130	58,260	4,855
8	32,390	64,780	5,398

For each additional person, add 3,260

SOURCE: *Federal Register*, Vol. 70, No. 33, February 18, 2005, pp. 8373-8375.

