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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
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FINANCE OFFICERS – LOCAL DEPARTMENTS**

FROM: CHARLES E. HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: 2002 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS AND FIP SCHEDULE UPDATE

PROGRAM AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY, RESEARCH AND SYSTEMS

SUMMARY:

The Federal Poverty Income guidelines increased on March 1, 2002. The new poverty levels will be on CARES effective April 1, 2002. For your convenience, a chart with the new poverty levels is attached (Attachment 1).

In addition, this Information Memo updates only Column C - 50% Poverty Level - of the FIP Schedule. The amounts in Columns A and B do not change. The new amounts are used when determining eligibility for Temporary Cash Assistance applications and recertifications completed on or after April 1, 2002. For your convenience, a copy of the updated FIP Schedule is attached (Attachment 2).

INQUIRIES:

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ATTACHMENT

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL STANDARDS*

(Effective April 1, 2002)

FAMILY SIZE	MONTHLY**	YEARLY
1	\$ 739	\$ 8,860
2	995	11,940
3	1,252	15,020
4	1,509	18,100
5	1,765	21,180
6	2,022	24,260
7	2,279	27,340
8	2,535	30,420
For each additional person, add \$3,080 yearly.		

* "The poverty guidelines updated annually in the Federal Register by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C 9902 (2)."

** Monthly amounts have been rounded up to the nearest dollar.

F I P S C H E D U L E**Monthly Allowable Amounts Paid****Effective: October 1, 2001**

A	B	C
Family Size	Allowable Payment	50 % Poverty Level
1	\$210	\$369
2	372	497
3	472	626
4	570	754
5	660	882
6	726	1,011
7	817	1,139
8	899	1,267
9	970	1,396
10	1,045	1,524
11	1,123	1,652
12	1,198	1,781
13	1,273	1,909
14	1,346	2,037
15	1,424	2,166
16	\$1,515	\$2,294
Each Person More Than 16	Add \$ 78	Add \$ 128

"50% Poverty Level" reflects Federal Poverty Levels effective April 1, 2002