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## FIA INFORMATION MEMO

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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT  
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS/ELIGIBILITY STAFF  
FINANCE OFFICERS**

**FROM: CHARLES E. HENRY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**RE: 2003 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, 2003. The new poverty levels will be on CARES effective April 1, 2003. For your convenience, a chart with the new poverty levels is attached (Attachment 1).

In addition, a copy of the updated FIP Schedule is attached (Attachment 2). This Information Memo updates **only** Column C - 50% Poverty Level - of the FIP Schedule. The amounts in Columns A and B did not change. The new amounts are used when determining eligibility for Temporary Cash Assistance applications and recertifications completed on or after April 1, 2003.

### **INQUIRIES:**

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**FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL STANDARDS\*****(Effective April 1, 2003)**

<b>FAMILY SIZE</b>	<b>MONTHLY**</b>	<b>YEARLY</b>
1	\$ 749	\$ 8,980
2	1,010	12,120
3	1,272	15,260
4	1,534	18,400
5	1,795	21,540
6	2,057	24,680
7	2,319	27,820
8	2,580	30,960
For each additional person, add \$3,140 yearly.		

\* The poverty guidelines are 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: January 1, 2003**

<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Allowable Payment</b>	<b>50 % Poverty Level</b>
1	\$211	\$374
2	373	505
3	473	636
4	572	767
5	662	898
6	728	1,028
7	819	1,159
8	901	1,290
9	973	1,421
10	1,048	1,552
11	1,126	1,683
12	1,201	1,813
13	1,276	1,944
14	1,349	2,075
15	1,427	2,206
16	1,519	2,337
Each Person More Than 16	Add \$ 79	Add \$131

**"50% Poverty Level" reflects Federal Poverty Levels effective April 1, 2003**