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FIA INFORMATION MEMO

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

FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

RE: 2004 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, 2004. The new poverty levels will be on CARES effective April 1, 2004. 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 Column C- 50% Poverty Level - of the FIP Schedule. The amounts in Columns A and B did not change from October 2003. The new amounts are used when determining eligibility for Temporary Cash Assistance applications and recertifications completed on or after April 1, 2004.

INQUIRIES:

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FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL STANDARDS***(Effective April 1, 2004)**

FAMILY SIZE	MONTHLY**	YEARLY
1	\$ 775	\$ 9,310
2	1,040	12,490
3	1,305	15,670
4	1,570	18,850
5	1,835	22,030
6	2,100	25,210
7	2,365	28,390
8	2,630	31,570
For each additional person, add \$3,180 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: October 1, 2003

A	B	C
Family Size	Allowable Payment	50 % Poverty Level
1	\$213	\$387
2	376	520
3	477	652
4	577	785
5	668	917
6	735	1,050
7	827	1,182
8	910	1315
9	982	1,447
10	1,058	1,580
11	1,137	1,712
12	1,213	1,845
13	1,288	1,977
14	1,362	2,110
15	1,441	2,242
16	1,534	2,375
Each Person More Than 16	Add \$ 79	Add \$132

"50% Poverty Level" reflects Federal Poverty Levels effective April 1, 2004