TO: Income Maintenance Supervisors
   Income Maintenance Lead Workers
   Income Maintenance Staff
   W-2 Agencies
   Workforce Development Boards
   Job Center Leads and Managers
   Training Staff
   Child Care Coordinators

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SUBJECT: Federal Poverty Level Changes For Wisconsin Works (W-2) And Wisconsin Shares Child Care Subsidy Programs

CROSS REFERENCE: Child Care Manual
                  W-2 Manual, Chapter 3
                  2008 DHHS Poverty Guidelines

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 1, 2008

PURPOSE

This memo:

1. Provides the 2008 Federal Poverty Levels (FPL) that impact financial eligibility for Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loans (JALs), and Child Care (CC).

2. Provides information on the impact on the Child Care subsidy for applicants and recipients.
BACKGROUND

Each year the federal government adjusts the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). As a result of the annual FPL changes, income limits used for the W-2 program, Job Access Loans, Child Care eligibility and the income ranges that are used to determine the family co-payment for Child Care authorizations change.

POLICY

Following is the 2008 FPL table for eligibility use in the W-2 and Child Care programs:

### 2008 Federal Poverty Levels

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**Wisconsin Works (W-2), Job Access Loan (JAL) and Child Care (CC) Eligibility**

The effective date of the new income limits for W-2, JAL, and CC eligibility is February 1, 2008. The new income limits will apply for W-2, JAL and CC applications started on or after February 1, 2008.

**Child Care Authorizations and the Impact on Co-Pays**

While family income limits are being adjusted for the 2008 FPL, 2008 CC co-pay amounts will not be changed at this time. Due to additional upcoming federal-directed changes to the co-payment schedule, the change in FPL on the co-payment chart will be delayed until these changes are implemented.

**Family and Provider Notices**

All child care cases will go through the eligibility mass change, but ongoing approval notices (AEAX) will not be generated for child care cases that were open in January. These notices are not generated because the eligibility status of the family has not changed.

Family authorization notices will not be effected as no change to the co-payment schedule is being made at this time.
Provider mass change notices will not be sent at this time as authorizations will be unaffected by the FPL mass change.

**CARES UPDATES**

The CARES income limit tables (TWWS, TCCS) used to determine W-2 and Child Care eligibility were updated with an effective date of February 1, 2008. A CARES mass change for W-2 and CC eligibility ran February 2, 2008. The CARES mass change selected all ongoing W-2 and CC cases to update their income to the 2008 FPL amounts for March eligibility. This included cases scheduled to close March 1, 2008. Some W-2 and CC cases that would have closed March 1, 2008, using 2007 FPL income eligibility levels, may remain open when the 2008 FPL income limits are applied.

**CONTACTS**

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For CC Policy Related Questions: Child Care Help Desk

For CARES Processing Questions: W-2/CC Help Desk