

TEXAS WORKFORCE COMMISSION LETTER

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To: Local Workforce Development Board Executive Directors
Commission Executive Offices
Integrated Service Area Managers



From: Laurence M. Jones, Director, Workforce Development Division

Subject: **Fiscal Year 2012 Federal Poverty Guidelines and State Median Income Amounts for Determining Eligibility and Parent Share of Cost for Child Care Services**

PURPOSE:

To provide Local Workforce Development Boards (Boards) with Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) and state median income (SMI) amounts used to determine income eligibility and the parent share of cost for Fiscal Year 2012 (FY'12) child care services.

BACKGROUND:

Texas Workforce Commission Child Care Services rule §809.41 requires Boards to establish family income limits—not to exceed 85 percent of SMI—for child care services.

WD Letter 15-11, Change 1, issued June 15, 2011, and entitled “Parent Share of Cost Policy—*Update*,” requires Boards to adopt a parent share of cost policy that uses a sliding fee scale based on family size and gross monthly income expressed as a percent of FPG or SMI.

PROCEDURES:

Effective October 1, 2011, Boards must use:

- the new FY'12 income data set forth in Attachment 1, Fiscal Year 2012 Income Limit Eligibility Code Card for Child Care Services, to determine eligibility for child care services; and
- the FY'12 income ranges set forth in Attachment 2, Income Ranges for Parent Share of Cost Assessment, to assess the parent share of cost.

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Boards may use the FPG or the SMI to determine income eligibility limits.

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However, Boards must ensure that income limits do not exceed 85 percent of SMI.

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INQUIRIES:

Direct inquiries regarding this WD Letter to wfpolicy.clarifications@twc.state.tx.us.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1: Fiscal Year 2012 Income Limit Eligibility Code Card for Child Care Services

Attachment 2: Income Ranges for Parent Share of Cost Assessment

RESCISSIONS:

None

REFERENCE:

United States Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines, Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 13, published January 20, 2011

United States Department of Health and Human Services State Median Income Estimates, Federal Register, Vol. 76, No. 74, published April 18, 2011

WD Letter 15-11, Change 1, issued June 15, 2011, and entitled “Parent Share of Cost Policy—*Update*”

FLEXIBILITY RATINGS:

No Local Flexibility (NLF): This rating indicates that Boards must comply with the federal and state laws, rules, policies, and required procedures set forth in this WD Letter and have no local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to comply. All information with an NLF rating is indicated by “must” or “shall.”

Local Flexibility (LF): This rating indicates that Boards have local flexibility in determining whether and/or how to implement guidance or recommended practices set forth in this WD Letter. All information with an LF rating is indicated by “may” or “recommend.”