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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Food and Nutrition Service

Commodity Supplemental Food Program: Elderly Income Guidelines

AGENCY: Food and Nutrition Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the adjusted income guidelines to be used by State agencies in determining the eligibility of elderly persons applying to participate in the Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP). These guidelines are to be used in conjunction with the CSFP regulations under 7 CFR Part 247.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillie F. Ragan, Assistant Branch Chief, Household Programs Branch, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 3101 Park Center Drive, Alexandria, Virginia 22302-1594, or telephone (703) 305-2662.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This action is not a rule as defined by the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) and thus is exempt from the provisions of that Act.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice does not contain reporting or recordkeeping requirements subject to approval by the Office of Management and Budget in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3507).

Executive Order 12372

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Programs under No. 10.565 and is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, which requires intergovernmental consultation with

State and local officials (7 CFR Part 3015, Subpart V, 48 FR 29112).

Description

On December 23, 1985, the President signed the Food Security Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198). This legislation amended sections 5(f) and (g) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 612c note) to require that the Secretary permit agencies administering the CSFP to serve elderly persons if such service can be provided without reducing service levels for women, infants, and children. The law also mandates establishment of income eligibility requirements for elderly participation. Prior to enactment of Pub. L. 99-198, elderly participation was restricted by law to three designated pilot projects which served the elderly in accordance with agreements with the Department.

In order to implement the CSFP mandates of Pub. L. 99-198, the Department published an interim rule on September 17, 1986 at 51 FR 32895 and a final rule on February 18, 1988, at 58 FR 8287. These regulations defined "elderly persons" as those who are 60 years or older (7 CFR 247.2). The final rule further stipulates that elderly persons certified on or after September 17, 1986 must have "household income at or below 130 percent of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines published annually by the Department of Health and Human Services" (7 CFR 247.7(a)(3)).

The Federal Poverty Income Guidelines are revised annually to reflect changes in the Consumer Price Index. The revision for 1998 was published by the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) in the **Federal Register** for February 24, 1998 at 63 FR 9235. To establish income limits of 130 percent, the guidelines were multiplied by 1.30 and the results rounded up to the next whole dollar.

At this time, the Department is publishing the income limits of 130 percent of the poverty income guidelines. The table in this notice contains the income limits by household size to be used for elderly certification in the CSFP for the period July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999.

Effective July 1, 1998-June 30, 1999—FNS Income Eligibility Guidelines for the Elderly in CSFP (130 Percent of Poverty Income Guidelines)

Family size	Annual	Month	Week
1	10,465	873	202
2	14,105	1,176	272
3	17,745	1,479	342
4	21,385	1,783	412
5	25,025	2,086	482
6	28,665	2,389	552
7	32,305	2,693	622
8	35,945	2,996	692
For each additional family member add ..	+3,640	+304	+70

Dated: April 20, 1998.

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Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

Inviting Preapplications for Technical Assistance for Rural Transportation Systems

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBS), an Agency within the Rural Development mission area, announces the availability of one single \$500,000 grant from the passenger transportation portion of the Rural Business Enterprise Grant (RBEG) Program for Fiscal Year 1998 to be competitively awarded to a qualified national organization.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of a preapplication in the Rural Development State Office is June 15, 1998. Preapplications received at a Rural Development State Office after that date will not be considered for Fiscal Year 1998 funding.

ADDRESSES: For further information, entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact a Rural Development State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. A list of Rural Development State Offices follows:

Alabama

USDA Rural Development State Office, Sterling Centre, Suite 601, 4121 Carmichael Road, Montgomery, AL 36106-3683, (334) 279-3400