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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT FIELD INFORMATION MEMO NO: 18-03

TOPIC: 2018 Poverty Guidelines and 2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL)

- 1. Purpose:** To transmit the 2018 Poverty Guidelines and the 2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL).
- 2. Background:** Under Title I of the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) of 2014, the Secretary of Labor annually determines the Lower Living Standard Income Level (LLSIL) for uses described in the Law.

WIOA defines the term “low income individual” as one who qualifies under various criteria, including an individual in a family with total family income for a six-month period that does not exceed the higher level of the poverty line or 70 percent of the LLSIL. The LLSIL was published in the Federal Register on May 29, 2018.

The Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the Poverty Guidelines annually. The 2018 Poverty Guidelines were published in the Federal Register on January 18, 2018.

- 3. Substance:** Field Memo 17-03 shall be archived upon issuance of this Field Memo. This field memo provides the 2018 Poverty Guidelines provided by HHS and the Secretary of Labor’s annual LLSIL for 2018. Since “low-income individual,” “disadvantaged adult” and “disadvantaged youth” may be determined by family income at 70 percent of the LLSIL, those figures are listed as well.

2018 Poverty Guideline for the 48 Contiguous States	
Family Size	Poverty Guideline
1	12, 140
2	16,460
3	20,780
4	25,100
5	29,420
6	33,740
7	38,060
8	42,380

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$4,320 for each additional member.

2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level (70%)		
Family Size	Non-Metro	Metro
1	9,278	9,658
2	15,192	15,831
3	20,859	21,728
4	25,749	26,824
5	30,392	31,653
6	35,542	37,025
7	(1)	(2)
(1) For each additional family member, add \$5,150.		
(2) For each additional family member, add \$5,372.		

2018 Lower Living Standard Income Level (100%)		
Family Size	Non-Metro	Metro
1	13,255	13,797
2	21,703	22,615
3	29,798	31,040
4	36,784	38,320
5	43,418	45,219
6	50,774	52,893
7	(1)	(2)
(1) For each additional family member, add \$7,356.		
(2) For each additional family member, add \$7,674.		

4. **Action:** This information should be shared with LWDB and CEO Board Members as well as appropriate One-Stop and other partner staff.
5. **Effective Date:** The LLSIL tables in this field memo became effective on May 29, 2018. The HHS Poverty Guidelines were effective on January 18, 2018.
6. **Contact:** If there are any questions related to the information in this issuance, contact Michelle McNertney at 515-242-0408 or michelle.mcnertney@iwd.iowa.gov.



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