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## **CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 127BB-FO**

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Child Support Recovery  
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SUBJECT: RC-0079, "HHS Poverty Guidelines," revised.

### **Summary**

This letter is to announce the annual update of the poverty guidelines issued by the federal Department of Health and Human Services.

The Child Support Recovery Unit uses these guidelines to determine whether a person meets hardship criteria for mandatory income withholding.

This determination uses the poverty level for a one-person household, as established by these guidelines. The gross annual income poverty level has increased from \$11,770 (2015) to \$11,880 (2016). The hardship allowance has increased from \$23,540 to \$23,760.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Hardship Guideline</u>
2015	\$11,770	\$23,540
2016	\$11,880	\$23,760

### **Effective Date**

Use the 2016 guideline amount in making any determinations on or after April 1, 2016. It remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent circular letter announcing the next annual update.

### **Material Superseded**

Remove Circular Letter No. 127AA-FO, dated March 27, 2015, from the file and destroy it and copies of the previous HHS poverty income guidelines.

### **Additional Information**

Refer questions about this circular letter to your regional collections administrator.

Iowa Department of Human Services  
**HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES**

<u>YEAR</u>		<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Per Person Additional</u>
<b>2016</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$11,880	\$16,020	\$20,160	\$24,300	\$28,440	\$32,580	\$36,730	\$40,890	\$4,160
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$990	\$1,335	\$1,680	\$2,025	\$2,370	\$2,715	\$3,061	\$3,408	\$347
<b>2015</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$11,770	\$15,930	\$20,090	\$24,250	\$28,410	\$32,570	\$36,730	\$40,890	\$4,160
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$981	\$1,328	\$1,674	\$2,021	\$2,368	\$2,714	\$3,061	\$3,408	\$347
<b>2014</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$11,670	\$15,730	\$19,790	\$23,850	\$27,910	\$31,970	\$36,030	\$40,090	\$4,060
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$973	\$1,311	\$1,649	\$1,988	\$2,326	\$2,664	\$3,003	\$3,341	\$338
<b>2013</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$11,490	\$15,510	\$19,530	\$23,550	\$27,570	\$31,590	\$35,610	\$39,630	\$4,020
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$958	\$1,293	\$1,628	\$1,963	\$2,298	\$2,633	\$2,968	\$3,303	\$335
<b>2012</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$11,170	\$15,130	\$19,090	\$23,050	\$27,010	\$30,970	\$34,930	\$38,890	\$3,960
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$931	\$1,261	\$1,591	\$1,921	\$2,251	\$2,581	\$2,911	\$3,241	\$330
<b>2011</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$10,890	\$14,710	\$18,530	\$22,350	\$26,170	\$29,990	\$33,810	\$37,630	\$3,820
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$908	\$1,226	\$1,544	\$1,863	\$2,181	\$2,499	\$2,818	\$3,136	\$318
<b>2010</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$10,830	\$14,570	\$18,310	\$22,050	\$25,790	\$29,530	\$33,270	\$37,010	\$3,740
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$903	\$1,214	\$1,526	\$1,838	\$2,149	\$2,461	\$2,773	\$3,084	\$312
<b>2009</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$10,830	\$14,570	\$18,310	\$22,050	\$25,790	\$29,530	\$33,270	\$37,010	\$3,740
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$903	\$1,214	\$1,526	\$1,838	\$2,149	\$2,461	\$2,773	\$3,084	\$312
<b>2008</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$10,400	\$14,000	\$17,600	\$21,200	\$24,800	\$28,400	\$32,000	\$35,600	\$3,600
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$867	\$1,167	\$1,467	\$1,767	\$2,067	\$2,367	\$2,667	\$2,967	\$300
<b>2007</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$10,210	\$13,690	\$17,170	\$20,650	\$24,130	\$27,610	\$31,090	\$34,570	\$3,480
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$851	\$1,141	\$1,431	\$1,721	\$2,011	\$2,301	\$2,591	\$2,881	\$290
<b>2006</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$9,800	\$13,200	\$16,600	\$20,000	\$23,400	\$26,800	\$30,200	\$33,600	\$3,400
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$817	\$1,100	\$1,383	\$1,667	\$1,950	\$2,233	\$2,517	\$2,800	\$283
<b>2005</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$9,570	\$12,830	\$16,090	\$19,350	\$22,610	\$25,870	\$29,130	\$32,390	\$3,260
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$798	\$1,069	\$1,341	\$1,613	\$1,884	\$2,156	\$2,428	\$2,699	\$272
<b>2004</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$9,310	\$12,490	\$15,670	\$18,850	\$22,030	\$25,210	\$28,390	\$31,570	\$3,180
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$776	\$1,041	\$1,306	\$1,571	\$1,836	\$2,101	\$2,366	\$2,631	\$265
<b>2003</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$8,980	\$12,120	\$15,260	\$18,400	\$21,540	\$24,680	\$27,820	\$30,960	\$3,140
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$748	\$1,010	\$1,272	\$1,533	\$1,795	\$2,057	\$2,318	\$2,580	\$262
<b>2002</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$8,860	\$11,940	\$15,020	\$18,100	\$21,180	\$24,260	\$27,340	\$30,420	\$3,080
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$738	\$995	\$1,252	\$1,508	\$1,765	\$2,022	\$2,278	\$2,535	\$257
<b>2001</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$8,590	\$11,610	\$14,630	\$17,650	\$20,670	\$23,690	\$26,710	\$29,730	\$3,020
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$716	\$968	\$1,219	\$1,471	\$1,723	\$1,974	\$2,226	\$2,478	\$252

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<b>2000</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$8,350	\$11,250	\$14,150	\$17,050	\$19,950	\$22,850	\$25,750	\$28,650	\$2,900
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$696	\$938	\$1,179	\$1,421	\$1,663	\$1,904	\$2,146	\$2,388	\$242
<b>1999</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$8,240	\$11,060	\$13,880	\$16,700	\$19,520	\$22,340	\$25,160	\$27,980	\$2,820
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$687	\$922	\$1,157	\$1,392	\$1,627	\$1,862	\$2,097	\$2,332	\$235
<b>1998</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$8,050	\$10,850	\$13,650	\$16,450	\$19,250	\$22,050	\$24,850	\$27,650	\$2,800
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$671	\$904	\$1,138	\$1,371	\$1,604	\$1,838	\$2,071	\$2,304	\$233
<b>1997</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$7,890	\$10,610	\$13,330	\$16,050	\$18,770	\$21,490	\$24,210	\$26,930	\$2,720
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$658	\$884	\$1,111	\$1,338	\$1,564	\$1,791	\$2,018	\$2,244	\$227
<b>1996</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$7,740	\$10,360	\$12,980	\$15,600	\$18,220	\$20,840	\$23,460	\$26,080	\$2,620
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$645	\$863	\$1,082	\$1,300	\$1,518	\$1,737	\$1,955	\$2,173	\$218
<b>1995</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$7,470	\$10,030	\$12,590	\$15,150	\$17,710	\$20,270	\$22,830	\$25,390	\$2,560
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$623	\$836	\$1,049	\$1,263	\$1,476	\$1,689	\$1,903	\$2,116	\$213
<b>1994</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$7,360	\$9,840	\$12,320	\$14,800	\$17,280	\$19,760	\$22,240	\$24,720	\$2,480
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$613	\$820	\$1,027	\$1,233	\$1,440	\$1,647	\$1,853	\$2,060	\$207
<b>1993</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$6,970	\$9,430	\$11,890	\$14,350	\$16,810	\$19,270	\$21,730	\$24,190	\$2,460
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$581	\$786	\$991	\$1,196	\$1,401	\$1,606	\$1,811	\$2,016	\$205
<b>1992</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$6,810	\$9,190	\$11,570	\$13,950	\$16,330	\$18,710	\$21,090	\$23,470	\$2,380
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$568	\$766	\$964	\$1,163	\$1,361	\$1,559	\$1,758	\$1,956	\$198
<b>1991</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$6,620	\$8,880	\$11,140	\$13,400	\$15,660	\$17,920	\$20,180	\$22,440	\$2,260
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$552	\$740	\$928	\$1,117	\$1,305	\$1,493	\$1,682	\$1,870	\$188
<b>1990</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$6,280	\$8,420	\$10,560	\$12,700	\$14,840	\$16,980	\$19,120	\$21,260	\$2,140
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$523	\$702	\$880	\$1,058	\$1,237	\$1,415	\$1,593	\$1,772	\$178
<b>1989</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$5,980	\$8,020	\$10,060	\$12,100	\$14,140	\$16,180	\$18,220	\$20,260	\$2,040
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$498	\$668	\$838	\$1,008	\$1,178	\$1,348	\$1,518	\$1,688	\$170
<b>1988</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$5,770	\$7,730	\$9,690	\$11,650	\$13,610	\$15,570	\$17,530	\$19,490	\$1,960
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$481	\$644	\$808	\$971	\$1,134	\$1,298	\$1,461	\$1,624	\$163
<b>1987</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$5,500	\$7,400	\$9,300	\$11,200	\$13,100	\$15,000	\$16,900	\$18,800	\$1,900
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$458	\$617	\$775	\$933	\$1,092	\$1,250	\$1,408	\$1,567	\$158
<b>1986</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$5,360	\$7,240	\$9,120	\$11,000	\$12,880	\$14,760	\$16,640	\$18,520	\$1,880
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$447	\$603	\$760	\$917	\$1,073	\$1,230	\$1,387	\$1,543	\$157
<b>1985</b>	<b>Annual</b>	\$5,250	\$7,050	\$8,850	\$10,650	\$12,450	\$14,250	\$16,050	\$17,850	\$1,800
	<b>Monthly</b>	\$438	\$588	\$738	\$888	\$1,038	\$1,188	\$1,338	\$1,488	\$150

Source: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines published in the Federal Register each year. This data is also available at <http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/figures-fed-reg.shtml>.