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## **CIRCULAR LETTER NO. 127Z-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 \$11,490 (2013) to \$11,670 (2014). The hardship allowance has increased from \$22,980 to \$23,340.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Annual Income</u>	<u>Hardship Guideline</u>
2013	\$11,490	\$22,980
2014	\$11,670	\$23,340

### **Effective Date**

Use the 2014 guideline amount in making any determinations on or after April 1, 2014. It remains in effect until superseded by a subsequent circular letter announcing the next annual update.

### **Material Superseded**

Remove Circular Letter No. 127Y-FO, dated March 29, 2013, 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>
2014	Annual	\$11,670	\$15,730	\$19,790	\$23,850	\$27,910	\$31,970	\$36,030	\$40,090	\$4,060
	Monthly	\$973	\$1,311	\$1,649	\$1,988	\$2,326	\$2,664	\$3,003	\$3,341	\$338
2013	Annual	\$11,490	\$15,510	\$19,530	\$23,550	\$27,570	\$31,590	\$35,610	\$39,630	\$4,020
	Monthly	\$958	\$1,293	\$1,628	\$1,963	\$2,298	\$2,633	\$2,968	\$3,303	\$335
2012	Annual	\$11,170	\$15,130	\$19,090	\$23,050	\$27,010	\$30,970	\$34,930	\$38,890	\$3,960
	Monthly	\$931	\$1,261	\$1,591	\$1,921	\$2,251	\$2,581	\$2,911	\$3,241	\$330
2011	Annual	\$10,890	\$14,710	\$18,530	\$22,350	\$26,170	\$29,990	\$33,810	\$37,630	\$3,820
	Monthly	\$908	\$1,226	\$1,544	\$1,863	\$2,181	\$2,499	\$2,818	\$3,136	\$318
2010	Annual	\$10,830	\$14,570	\$18,310	\$22,050	\$25,790	\$29,530	\$33,270	\$37,010	\$3,740
	Monthly	\$903	\$1,214	\$1,526	\$1,838	\$2,149	\$2,461	\$2,773	\$3,084	\$312
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	Monthly	\$903	\$1,214	\$1,526	\$1,838	\$2,149	\$2,461	\$2,773	\$3,084	\$312
2008	Annual	\$10,400	\$14,000	\$17,600	\$21,200	\$24,800	\$28,400	\$32,000	\$35,600	\$3,600
	Monthly	\$867	\$1,167	\$1,467	\$1,767	\$2,067	\$2,367	\$2,667	\$2,967	\$300
2007	Annual	\$10,210	\$13,690	\$17,170	\$20,650	\$24,130	\$27,610	\$31,090	\$34,570	\$3,480
	Monthly	\$851	\$1,141	\$1,431	\$1,721	\$2,011	\$2,301	\$2,591	\$2,881	\$290
2006	Annual	\$9,800	\$13,200	\$16,600	\$20,000	\$23,400	\$26,800	\$30,200	\$33,600	\$3,400
	Monthly	\$817	\$1,100	\$1,383	\$1,667	\$1,950	\$2,233	\$2,517	\$2,800	\$283
2005	Annual	\$9,570	\$12,830	\$16,090	\$19,350	\$22,610	\$25,870	\$29,130	\$32,390	\$3,260
	Monthly	\$798	\$1,069	\$1,341	\$1,613	\$1,884	\$2,156	\$2,428	\$2,699	\$272
2004	Annual	\$9,310	\$12,490	\$15,670	\$18,850	\$22,030	\$25,210	\$28,390	\$31,570	\$3,180
	Monthly	\$776	\$1,041	\$1,306	\$1,571	\$1,836	\$2,101	\$2,366	\$2,631	\$265
2003	Annual	\$8,980	\$12,120	\$15,260	\$18,400	\$21,540	\$24,680	\$27,820	\$30,960	\$3,140
	Monthly	\$748	\$1,010	\$1,272	\$1,533	\$1,795	\$2,057	\$2,318	\$2,580	\$262
2002	Annual	\$8,860	\$11,940	\$15,020	\$18,100	\$21,180	\$24,260	\$27,340	\$30,420	\$3,080
	Monthly	\$738	\$995	\$1,252	\$1,508	\$1,765	\$2,022	\$2,278	\$2,535	\$257
2001	Annual	\$8,590	\$11,610	\$14,630	\$17,650	\$20,670	\$23,690	\$26,710	\$29,730	\$3,020
	Monthly	\$716	\$968	\$1,219	\$1,471	\$1,723	\$1,974	\$2,226	\$2,478	\$252
2000	Annual	\$8,350	\$11,250	\$14,150	\$17,050	\$19,950	\$22,850	\$25,750	\$28,650	\$2,900
	Monthly	\$696	\$938	\$1,179	\$1,421	\$1,663	\$1,904	\$2,146	\$2,388	\$242

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1999	Annual	\$8,240	\$11,060	\$13,880	\$16,700	\$19,520	\$22,340	\$25,160	\$27,980	\$2,820
	Monthly	\$687	\$922	\$1,157	\$1,392	\$1,627	\$1,862	\$2,097	\$2,332	\$235
1998	Annual	\$8,050	\$10,850	\$13,650	\$16,450	\$19,250	\$22,050	\$24,850	\$27,650	\$2,800
	Monthly	\$671	\$904	\$1,138	\$1,371	\$1,604	\$1,838	\$2,071	\$2,304	\$233
1997	Annual	\$7,890	\$10,610	\$13,330	\$16,050	\$18,770	\$21,490	\$24,210	\$26,930	\$2,720
	Monthly	\$658	\$884	\$1,111	\$1,338	\$1,564	\$1,791	\$2,018	\$2,244	\$227
1996	Annual	\$7,740	\$10,360	\$12,980	\$15,600	\$18,220	\$20,840	\$23,460	\$26,080	\$2,620
	Monthly	\$645	\$863	\$1,082	\$1,300	\$1,518	\$1,737	\$1,955	\$2,173	\$218
1995	Annual	\$7,470	\$10,030	\$12,590	\$15,150	\$17,710	\$20,270	\$22,830	\$25,390	\$2,560
	Monthly	\$623	\$836	\$1,049	\$1,263	\$1,476	\$1,689	\$1,903	\$2,116	\$213
1994	Annual	\$7,360	\$9,840	\$12,320	\$14,800	\$17,280	\$19,760	\$22,240	\$24,720	\$2,480
	Monthly	\$613	\$820	\$1,027	\$1,233	\$1,440	\$1,647	\$1,853	\$2,060	\$207
1993	Annual	\$6,970	\$9,430	\$11,890	\$14,350	\$16,810	\$19,270	\$21,730	\$24,190	\$2,460
	Monthly	\$581	\$786	\$991	\$1,196	\$1,401	\$1,606	\$1,811	\$2,016	\$205
1992	Annual	\$6,810	\$9,190	\$11,570	\$13,950	\$16,330	\$18,710	\$21,090	\$23,470	\$2,380
	Monthly	\$568	\$766	\$964	\$1,163	\$1,361	\$1,559	\$1,758	\$1,956	\$198
1991	Annual	\$6,620	\$8,880	\$11,140	\$13,400	\$15,660	\$17,920	\$20,180	\$22,440	\$2,260
	Monthly	\$552	\$740	\$928	\$1,117	\$1,305	\$1,493	\$1,682	\$1,870	\$188
1990	Annual	\$6,280	\$8,420	\$10,560	\$12,700	\$14,840	\$16,980	\$19,120	\$21,260	\$2,140
	Monthly	\$523	\$702	\$880	\$1,058	\$1,237	\$1,415	\$1,593	\$1,772	\$178
1989	Annual	\$5,980	\$8,020	\$10,060	\$12,100	\$14,140	\$16,180	\$18,220	\$20,260	\$2,040
	Monthly	\$498	\$668	\$838	\$1,008	\$1,178	\$1,348	\$1,518	\$1,688	\$170
1988	Annual	\$5,770	\$7,730	\$9,690	\$11,650	\$13,610	\$15,570	\$17,530	\$19,490	\$1,960
	Monthly	\$481	\$644	\$808	\$971	\$1,134	\$1,298	\$1,461	\$1,624	\$163
1987	Annual	\$5,500	\$7,400	\$9,300	\$11,200	\$13,100	\$15,000	\$16,900	\$18,800	\$1,900
	Monthly	\$458	\$617	\$775	\$933	\$1,092	\$1,250	\$1,408	\$1,567	\$158
1986	Annual	\$5,360	\$7,240	\$9,120	\$11,000	\$12,880	\$14,760	\$16,640	\$18,520	\$1,880
	Monthly	\$447	\$603	\$760	\$917	\$1,073	\$1,230	\$1,387	\$1,543	\$157
1985	Annual	\$5,250	\$7,050	\$8,850	\$10,650	\$12,450	\$14,250	\$16,050	\$17,850	\$1,800
	Monthly	\$438	\$588	\$738	\$888	\$1,038	\$1,188	\$1,338	\$1,488	\$150
1984	Annual	\$4,980	\$6,720	\$8,460	\$10,200	\$11,940	\$13,680	\$15,420	\$17,160	\$1,740
	Monthly	\$415	\$560	\$705	\$850	\$995	\$1,140	\$1,285	\$1,430	\$145

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>.