

**Poverty Guidelines for Older Americans Act and
Older Californians Act Programs
Updated: February 2017**

The purpose of this document is to provide a convenient place for Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and their service providers to find information on poverty guidelines for Older Americans Act programs. Various programs use the guidelines for eligibility criteria, targeting, and or/reporting purposes. Tables A, B, C, D and E, along with the Individual Program Eligibility criteria, provide the most current poverty guidelines available. It is the AAA's responsibility to implement program eligibility criteria updates in accordance with the information provided.

The Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) are updated periodically in the Federal Register by the United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2). On January 26, 2017, HHS published the new 2017 poverty guidelines.

Please provide these eligibility, reporting, and targeting requirements to the applicable service providers to ensure program compliance. Inquiries may be directed to the CDA Data Team at DataTeam.Reports@aging.ca.gov.

2017 HHS Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)

Persons in Family or Household	48 Contiguous States and D.C.	Alaska	Hawaii
1	\$12,060	\$15,060	\$13,860
2	16,240	20,290	18,670
3	20,420	25,520	23,480
4	24,600	30,750	28,290
5	28,780	35,980	33,100
6	32,960	41,210	37,910
7	37,140	46,440	42,720
8	41,320	51,670	47,530
For each additional person, add	\$4,180	\$5,230	\$4,810

SOURCE: *Federal Register*, Vol.82, No.19, January 26, 2017, 8831-8832
<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2017/01/31/2017-02076/annual-update-of-the-hhs-poverty-guidelines>

Program Table

TABLE - A

PROGRAM	DEFINITION	PURPOSE	REFERENCE	ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL	MONTHLY AMOUNT FOR INDIVIDUAL	ANNUAL AMOUNT FOR COUPLE	MONTHLY AMOUNT FOR COUPLE	LAST UPDATE
Title III OAA	100% FPG	Targeting & Reporting	OAA Title I, Sec 102(a)(23) CCR, Title 22, Sec. 7310(a)(1)	\$12,060	\$1,005	\$16,240	\$1,353	Jan 2017
Title V SCSEP	125% FPG	Eligibility & Reporting	OAA, Title V Sec. 518(a)(3)(A)	\$15,075	\$1,256	\$20,300	\$1,692	Jan 2017
HICAP								

*Monthly amount may not total yearly amount due to rounding.

Older Americans Act (OAA) Title III Programs shall use the Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG) for targeting and reporting purposes. These programs do not have income eligibility requirements for participation. The AAAs shall consider the needs of individuals at or below 100 percent of the FPG in targeting services. Services shall be targeted to those with the greatest social and economic need with particular attention to low-income minority individuals, as set forth in the California Code of Regulations (CCR), Title 22, Division 1.8, Chapter 3, Article 3, Section 7310. See FPG Table B.

Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) Title V shall use 125 percent of the FPG for eligibility criteria and reporting purposes. For additional information, refer to the United States Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration Advisory System at <http://www.doleta.gov/seniors>. The Department of Labor FPG rates were adjusted per the Training and Employment Guidance Letter No. 22-16, March 8, 2017, located at https://wdr.doleta.gov/directives/attach/TEGL/TEGL_22-16_acc.pdf. See FPG Table C.

Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program (HICAP) provides federal poverty level (FPL) information to beneficiaries and their representatives for referral and assistance to other programs, as needed.

Percent of 2017 Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) Tables

(Poverty levels at 100%, 125%, 135%, and 150%)

TABLE - B	
2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 100%
1	\$12,060
2	16,240
3	20,420
4	24,600
5	28,780
6	32,960
7	37,140
8	41,320
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$4,180 for each additional person.	

TABLE - C	
2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 125%
1	\$15,075
2	20,300
3	25,525
4	30,750
5	35,975
6	41,200
7	46,425
8	51,650
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,225 for each additional person.	

TABLE - D	
2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 135%
1	\$16,281
2	21,924
3	27,567
4	33,210
5	38,853
6	44,496
7	50,139
8	55,782
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$5,643 for each additional person.	

TABLE - E	
2017 POVERTY GUIDELINES	
PERSONS IN FAMILY UNIT	POVERTY GUIDELINE at 150%
1	\$18,090
2	24,360
3	30,630
4	36,900
5	43,170
6	49,440
7	55,710
8	61,980
For family units with more than 8 persons, add \$6,270 for each additional person.	