

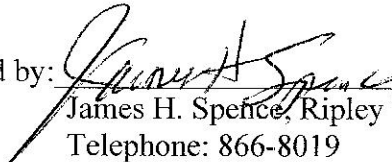
TOWNSHIP ASSISTANCE
STANDARDS and GUIDELINES

for


RIPLEY TOWNSHIP, MONTGOMERY COUNTY, INDIANA
(Pursuant to Indiana Code 12-20-5.5-1)

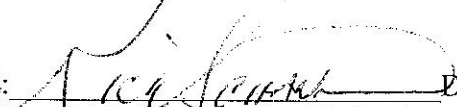
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NO CHANGES SINCE 12/31/2011, EXECPT FOR UPDATE OF POVERTY
INCOME GUDELINES TO MATCH US DEPT. OF HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES GUIDELINE FOR 2014

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The following figures are the 2014 HHS poverty guidelines which are scheduled to be published in the Federal Register on January 22, 2014. (Additional information will be posted after the guidelines are published.)

2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$11,670
2	15,730
3	19,790
4	23,850
5	27,910
6	31,970
7	36,030
8	40,090

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,060 for each additional person.

2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$14,580
2	19,660
3	24,740
4	29,820
5	34,900
6	39,980
7	45,060
8	50,140

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,080 for each additional person.

2014 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

Persons in family/household	Poverty guideline
1	\$13,420
2	18,090
3	22,760
4	27,430
5	32,100
6	36,770
7	41,440
8	46,110

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$4,670 for each additional person.

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blindness or paralysis; has dyslexia; or cannot read or write the English language. **IC 12-20-6-1**
(e) If an individual who is required to sign a form as per the application process is unable to sign the form in the township trustee's office due to a physical or mental disability, or illness, the trustee shall make alternate arrangements to obtain the individual's signature.

1.10.03 THE PERSONAL EFFORTS AND THE EXPENDITURE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES — The township trustee, as administrator of township assistance, may provide and shall extend township assistance only when the personal efforts of the township assistance applicant fails to provide one (1) or more basic necessity. This shall include expending the household's available financial resources for basic necessities in the sequence they come due or considered necessary and reasonable at the time the expenditure is made. The township, before continuing township assistance is provided, may require, in writing on the PR #1A, that the recipient expend a substantial portion of their monthly financial resource(s) on a specific recurring basic necessity. Failure to comply may result in a denial for a period **not to exceed sixty (60) days.** (IC 12-20-16-1)

1.10.04 RE-CERTIFICATION — The township trustee will not extend additional or continuing aid to an individual or a household unless the individual or household files an affidavit with the request for assistance affirming how, if at all, the personal conditions of the individual or the household has changed from that set forth in the most recent application. **Applications for Township Assistance** are considered valid for a period not to exceed 180 days. During the 180 day period all requests will be processed on a month by month basis.

1.10.05 RESIDENCY — It is necessary for the township to make some determination as to an applicant's living arrangements and whether they are physically living in the township, and whether or not they intend to make the township in which they are requesting assistance their permanent place of residence. The township may consider the conduct of the applicant, both active and passive, as may reveal an intent to reside within a given household and within their respective township. Except for verified emergencies affecting applicants who are temporarily in the township for reasons other than township assistance, must be resident of the township in which they apply. The following items may be used to determine residency or the person's intent to make the township their permanent place of residency. **(IC 12-20-8)**

SEE ATTACHMENT # 6

- A. Mailing Address
- B. Telephone listing
- C. Driver's License
- D. Voter registration card
- E. Utility billing
- F. Motor vehicle registration
- G. Addresses given to former employers and others
- H. U. S. Postal Service change of address notices
- I. The return, in a completed fashion, the landlord's housing information

emergency situations, an applicant must apply for and utilize all other forms of public assistance before being granted township assistance.

1.20.00 RELATIVES DEFINED — For the purposes of these Standards and Guidelines, the term “relative” shall include only the parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, stepsibling, grandparent, stepgrandparent, grandchild, or stepgrandchild of a township assistance applicant.

1.20.01 EMERGENCY DEFINED — The term “emergency” means an unpredictable circumstances or a series of unpredictable circumstances that: (1) Place the health or safety of a household or a member of a household in jeopardy; and (2) cannot be remedied in a timely manner by means other than township assistance.

1.20.02 HOUSEHOLD DEFINED — The term “household” means any of the following : (1) An individual living alone, (2) A family related by blood, or (3) A group of individuals living together at one residence as a domestic unit with mutual economic dependency.

1.30.00 APPLICATION REVIEW — In a case of an emergency, the trustee will accept and promptly act upon a verified request for emergency assistance. In all other non emergency request, the trustee shall act within seventy-two hours after receiving the “completed” application. Weekends and legal holidays are excluded from the 72 hour rule. The 72 hour “time clock” commences the moment the “ completed” application is received by the township. An action of “PENDING” may exceed an additional seventy-two (72) hours and must include a statement form the township listing the specific reasons for the action.

1.30.01 NOTICE OF ACTION (PR #1A) — The township will notify the applicant , as required by law, of the action taken by the township upon their request for township assistance assistance. The township shall do the following:

(1). Mail the Notice of Action (PR #1 A) or provide personal notice not later than 72 hours , excluding weekends and legal holiday, after receiving the “completed” application.

(2). The notice shall include information that notifies the applicant of their right to appeal the trustee decision and where the appeal is to be filed.

(3). The notice shall include the (a). The type and amount of assistance granted. (b). The type and amount of assistance denied or partially granted. (c). The specific reasons for denying all or part of the assistance requested.

(4). The township shall not render a decision on a request for township assistance without a “completed” township assistance application (PR #1 A) on file in the office of the township. This also precludes the township trustee from rendering a decision via the telephone or any other electronic device.

accommodations provided by relatives or others should be considered a resource and something the applicant should not refuse without good reason. The township is “**not required**” to provide shelter assistance to an otherwise eligible individual if the individual’s most recent residence was provided by the individual’s parent, guardian, or foster parent, and the individual, without just cause, leaves that residence for the shelter for which the individual seeks assistance.

1.40.05 VIOLENCE, THREATS OF VIOLENCE OR ABUSIVE LANGUAGE — The township will deny any individual who threaten violence to the township staff or property, and/or uses abusive language and threatening language while on township property or while talking with a township staff person.

1.40.06 SUFFICIENT INCOME — Income in excess of the amounts found on Attachment #2 may be the basis for a denial. However, individual applicants may have unpredictable circumstances or unusual expenses which would, when reviewed, indicate a necessary expenditure from the township’s township assistance fund. Sanctions by other governmental agencies will not be considered as a justification for waiving the income guidelines.

1.40.07 FAILURE TO COOPERATE — An applicant may be denied township assistance services when they, or an adult member of their household, fails to cooperate or provide the township with the necessary information for determining eligibility. The township does not require an applicant to obtain verifications when the township already has or can readily obtain the needed information.

1.40.08 FAILURE TO PARTICIPATE IN AN EDUCATION OR SELF-HELP PROGRAM — Applicants and all able-bodied adult members of the household must, when referred by the township, participate fully in all self-help programs offered by a federal, state, or local governmental entity, or by a nonprofit agency within the county or an adjoining township in another county.

1.40.09 FREQUENT REPORTING THE LOSS OR THEFT OF FOOD STAMPS OR MONEY - Applicants who frequently report the loss or theft of Food Stamps or money will be denied township assistance benefits.

1.40.10 FAILURE TO LIQUIDATE COUNTABLE ASSETS — Households must liquidate non-essential assets within sixty (60) days of the date of their initial application for township assistance before additional township benefits can be granted. Refer to 2.20.00 of this document.

1.40.11 REFUSING TO SIGN — Whenever it is determined that an applicant or a member of the applicant’s household has applied for benefits through the Social Security Administration (SSI) or other public assistance programs and may receive a “Retro” payment, the township may require them to sign an SSI “Reimbursement Authorization” or inter into a subrogation

rectified.

1.70.00 INCOME GUIDELINES — Income guidelines for determining township assistance eligibility shall be based upon 100% of the Federal Poverty Level as outlined on **Attachment #2**.

1.70.01 COUNTABLE INCOME — This term means a monetary amount either paid to an applicant or a member of an applicant's household not more than thirty (30) days before the date of application for township assistance, or accrued and legally available for withdrawal by an applicant or a member of an applicant's household at the time of application or not more than thirty (30) days after the date of application for township assistance. The term also includes the following:

- (A). Gross wages before mandatory deductions.
- (B). Social Security benefits, including SSI
- (C). Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (old AFDC program)
- (D). Unemployment Compensation
- (E). Worker's Compensation (except compensation that is restricted for the payment of medical expenses)
- (F). Vacation Pay
- (G). Sick Benefits
- (H). Strike Benefits
- (I). Private or Public pensions.
- (J). Taxable income from self-employment
- (K). Bartered goods and services provided by another individual for the payment of non-essential needs on behalf of an applicant or an applicant's household if monetary compensation or the provisions of basic necessities would have been reasonably available from that individual
- (L). Child Support
- (M). Gifts of cash, goods, or services
- (N). Other sources of revenue or services that the township trustee may reasonably determine to be countable income.

1.90.00 SPECIAL CONDITIONS/TEMPORARY AID – Exceptional financial obligations, emergencies, and/or extraordinary expenses or circumstances, as may be determined, documented, and approved by the trustee, may give justification to "Temporarily" waive certain provisions of these guidelines and grant temporary aid.

2.00.00 RECEIPTS – When a household applies for township assistance, both initially and on a continuing month by month basis, members of the household must verify "HOW" their income was expended. The township will require receipts for all expenditures of income/benefits received by any and all members of the household. Hand written receipts provided by friends or relatives are considered unacceptable. Receipts from expenditures for court related expenses,

(G). Cable TV

(H). Any other item of value which can be determined as non-essential.

2.30.00 LIQUIDATION — All liquid assets, such as; bank accounts, bonds, certificates of deposits, and etc. must be liquidated immediately. Recreational equipment (boats, motor, and camping trailers), motorcycles, etc. must also be liquidated in order to receive continued assistance from the township. All members of the household will be expected to liquidate any of the assets listed in 2.20.00 (A through H) or other unnecessary items of a similar nature, as soon as possible, but no longer than sixty (60) days from the date their initial application is filed. However, non essential assets purchased by any member of a household after having applied for township assistance, must be liquidated immediately before further assistance can be authorized. This would also include the applicant and/or members of the applicant household entering into a rental or lease agreement for non-essential items. The township highly recommends, or in some cases insist, the termination of any and all credit cards in the name of any adult member of an applicant's household. The following factors will be taken into consideration by the township when it is necessary to require an applicant to liquidate assets:

- (A). Marketability of the Asset — The true monetary value of the item to be liquidated may not be realized because of existing market conditions,...IE.. Sale of a boat or motorcycle during cold winter months.
- (B). Expected duration — The length of time (approximately 60 days) that the applicant/household may be reasonably expected to remain on township assistance.
- (C). Lease/Rental items — Whether or not the item(s) rented or leased is necessary for basic living. Or, if needed, could the same item been purchased or secured more economically.
- (D). Exemptions — Assets which are exempt from liquidation will include one house or mobile home (the primary residence of the applicant) in which the equity does not jeopardize the household from qualifying for other state or federal assistance programs. However, a client may be required to liquidate and retrieve the equity in a house if their expected duration of needing township assistance exceeds a reasonable time frame as determined by these standards. Whenever township assistance funds are used directly or indirectly to pay the household's mortgage payments, the township may place a lien against the property in order to recover the equity value of such payments.

2.40.00 REIMBURSEMENT/REPAYMENT FOR Township assistance EXPENDITURES

— The repayment of assistance or a promise to repay assistance, may not constitute a condition of eligibility for township assistance, except as provided in 1.40.11 & 2.50.00 of these standards.

(E). Households reporting the theft of food stamps must first file a "theft report" with the appropriate law enforcement agency before any assistance will be given. Habitually reporting the theft or loss of food stamps and/or tax supported cash awards will result in a denial.

2.50.10 FOOD ORDER ALLOTMENTS — Food allotments provided to an eligible household are determined by the household's size and other criteria as established by these standards. Food orders can only be purchased directly from a combined grocery and meat market. The township may administer township assistance food allotment on a weekly basis or less, depending on the circumstances of the requesting household. The township may, instead of providing direct township assistance food assistance, refer an otherwise eligible household to a local governmental or privately funded food pantry.

2.60.00 NON FOOD ITEMS AND HOUSEHOLD ESSENTIALS — Necessary household supplies which is commonly referred to as "paper and/or soap" orders will be administered according to the table found on **Attachment #4**. Other household necessities may be furnished by the township when a need is determined. This may include necessary household furnishing, cooking utensils, and etc... The township, under certain conditions, may authorize the payment of laundry service. The township will request that the applicant be specific when requesting "paper/soap" orders as to what is needed. The township may then include these specific items on the township purchase order. Special consideration may be given to individual households with preferential needs... IE... diaper and/or feminine supplies.

2.70.00 SHELTER — The township will provide aid in whatever form is necessary to provide shelter or prevent the loss of shelter so long as such aid constitutes the most economical and practical method of relieving the applicant and the amount paid by the township does not exceed the amounts listed on **Attachment #5**. Shelter is defined for the purpose of township assistance as a house, a mobile home, an apartment, a group of rooms, or a single room occupied as separate living quarters, or if vacant, intended for occupancy as separate living quarters.

2.70.10 SHELTER LIMITATIONS — Shelter assistance will not be paid to relatives (as landlords) on behalf of an applicant when the applicant is living in the same household; to relatives (as landlords) in separate housing if the housing is unencumbered by mortgage, or the property has not been previously rented by the relative to a different tenant at reasonable market rates for at least six (6) months. The township will not recognize expenditures (receipts) paid to relatives when living in the same household. If township assistance funds "ARE" expended for shelter, as per 2.70.40 of these standards, to a township assistance applicant's relative, then the trustee may file a lien against the real property. For the purpose of this section, the term relative includes only the parent, stepparent, child, stepchild, sibling, step-sibling, grandparent, step-grandparent, grandchild, or step-grandchild of a township assistance applicant.

2.70.20 OTHER SHELTER — The township shall not be obligated to pay the cost of shelter assistance to or for an applicant when an applicant's relative purchases a house or mobile home

3.00.00 UTILITY SERVICE/ HEATING FUELS — The township may, in cases of necessity, authorize the payment of water, gas, other fuels used for heating or cooking, and electric services, including the payment of delinquent bills for such services when necessary to prevent disconnection or to restore terminated service. Following are the exception and limitations:

- (A). The township will not pay utility deposits.
- (B). The utility service must be in **the name of an adult member** of the requesting household; an emancipated minor who is the head of the household; or a landlord, or a former member of the household if the applicant proves that the applicant is responsible for the payment of the bill.
- (C). The township will not pay for utility service received as a **result of a fraudulent act** by any adult member of a household requesting township assistance.
- (D). The township will not consider the payment of delinquent utility bills if the applicant was not a tenant residing at the service address at the time the cost was incurred., or the delinquent is older than twenty-four (24) months.
- (E). The township will not consider the payment of “**master metered**” utility service when more than one household is served by the same meter.
- (F). The township will consider the payment of **estimated** utility bills.
- (G). Individual applicants for township assistance needing utility assistance on a continuing basis shall be informed by the township to request such assistance monthly. Failure to do so may result in a denial.
- (H). Telephone usage is not considered an essential utility service.

3.10.00 ENERGY PROGRAMS — Applicants seeking township assistance with the payment of energy bills must first utilize all available federal and state programs designed to assist indigent households with the cost of energy, and must furnish the township with written proof that an application for such assistance has been requested from other governmental sources. The township shall inform and refer an applicant requesting assistance for heating fuel or electric services that assistance may be available from the state.

4.00.00 BURIALS, FUNERALS, & CREMATIONS — The trustee may provide a person to superintend (take charge) and authorize either the funeral and burial or cremation of the deceased individual. If it is determined that the deceased individual is a resident of another township in Indiana, the trustee shall notify the trustee of that township, who shall then provide a

subsidized medical benefits, such as; Medicaid or Medicare. The township shall only pay the cost of the following medical services for the eligible and qualifying poor of the township.

(A). **Prescription Drugs** — The township will furnish prescription drugs, when prescribed by a physician, for eligible township assistance clients, provided the client obtains prior authorization from the township.

(B). **Insulin** — The township shall furnish insulin without charge to township residents who are in need of such treatment for diabetes, and who are financially unable to purchase the insulin, **upon the application of a duly licensed physician**. The application from the physician shall affirm in the physician's belief that the person is financially unable to pay for the insulin themselves. Upon receipt of an official blank properly completed and signed, in ink, by a physician any dealer may provide the insulin and then file the documents as a legal claim with the township in order to receive the market price of the insulin being furnished. Applicants are not required to file a regular township assistance application PR #1, except in situations where the township trustee **has evidence** that the individual has the financial ability to pay for the insulin. After being presented with a legal claim for insulin being furnished to the same individual a second time and provided there is **evidence** that indicates the individual's financial ability to pay, the township trustee may require the individual to complete and file a standard application for township assistance in order for the township trustee to investigate the financial condition of the individual claiming to be indigent. The trustee will immediately notify the individual's physician that:

1. the financial ability of the individual claiming to be indigent is in question; and
2. a standard township assistance application must be filed with the township

The township **will continue to provide insulin** to the individual until such time as the investigation is complete. The township will also consider the individual needing insulin as an **individual and not as a member of a household requesting township assistance**. (IC 16-41-19-7 & IC 12-20-16-2(c)(13) & IC 12-20-16-14)

(C). **Office Calls** — It is the responsibility of the applicant to make their own appointments for visits to medical service providers. Clients requesting assistance for a visit to a medical service provider, except in case of emergencies, must first obtain authorization from the township. The cost of visits to a medical specialist cannot be paid by the township, unless the applicant was first referred to a specialist by their attending physician

(D). **Emergency Room Treatment** — The township may pay for necessary emergency room treatment that is of an **emergency nature**. However, a medical **emergency does not exist** in situations where the illness/injury could and would have been treated during a routine office call by a family doctor, and the applicant could have made contact with the

6.00.20 WORKFARE COMPENSATION — Work performed is considered “as satisfaction of a condition for township assistance and is not considered as services performed for remuneration”. The recipient shall be required to do an amount of work which equals the value of assistance already received by him or his household divided by the hourly rate for Federal Minimum Wage. This translates into hours the recipient will owe in total workfare hours.

6.00.30 WORKFARE OBLIGATIONS — The trustee may require the person or persons obligated to perform workfare to complete their workfare assignment before providing additional township assistance benefits. Failure to perform the workfare as assigned by the township will result in a denial for a period not to exceed 180 days.

6.00.40 WORKFARE EXCEPTIONS — Recipients may be excused from workfare for only the following reasons:

(A). The individual(s) obligated is not physically able to perform work and has provided the township with medical evidence that they are unable to perform the work.

(B). The individual(s) obligated is a minor or is over 65 years of age.

(C). All obligated members of the household have full-time employment at the time they received township assistance.

(D). The individual(s) obligated is needed to care for a person as a result of the person’s age or physical condition and has furnished the township with medical evidence that the person to be cared for is in need of their assistance.

(E). There is no work available as determined by the trustee.

(F). The individual(s) obligated is, at the direction of the trustee, attending educational courses or self-help classes.

6.00.50 WORKFARE RESTRICTIONS — A recipient(s) shall not be assigned to work which would result in the direct or indirect displacement of governmental employees or in the reduction of hours worked by those employees, nor will an obligated individual(s) be assigned to work at a location where a labor dispute is in effect.

7.00.00 APPEALS — Anytime an applicant for township assistance is not satisfied with all or part of the decision of the township trustee, they may appeal that decision to the board of county commissioners. Appeals must be filed not more than fifteen (15) days from the date of issuance of the township trustee’s adequate notice of the denial. This is referred to as “**NOTICE OF ACTION form PR #1 A**”. The appeal may be filed in the Auditors office in the Howard County Courthouse.

8.00.00 REPORTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT — The township shall report all suspected

OFFICE HOURS

RIPLEY TOWNSHIP

Individuals desiring to file a township assistance application with RIPLEY township may do so by calling (765) 866-8019 to make an appointment.

The township assistance office will be open for business at 8:00 A.M. through 4:00 P.M. on Monday through Friday, weekends and holidays excluded. An electronic answering device is made available by the township to record your messages during times the trustee is unavailable. Your call will be returned within 24 hours, weekends and holidays excluded.

Sincerely

James H. Fouse, Trustee

PROVISIONS OF INDIANA CODE 12-14 PUBLIC LAW #46

As part of the Indiana's effort to reform "welfare", Senate Enrolled Act #478 was enacted in 1995. Its main thrust was to address problems and alleged abuse in the Aid to Families with Dependent Children program which later became know as Temporary Assistance to Needy Families. This, as considered by many, was an honorable attempt to eliminate abuses and fraud within the Indiana system of "welfare, and reduce both cost and dependency.

The following commentary attempts to touch on the township's role and obligation under the provisions of SB #478 and IC 12-20-6-0.5.

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The township trustee shall determine whether an applicant for "poor relief" or a member of the applicant's household has been denied assistance under any of the following (a. through k.) statutory provisions.

Although the Indiana Code still makes reference to Aid to Families with Dependent Children, it should be noted that the name has changed a the federal level and is hereinafter known as "Temporary Assistance to Needy Families" (TANF).

(a). CONVICTION OF WELFARE FRAUD OR SUBSTANCE ABUSE

IC 12-14-1-1(c) – A person convicted of an offense under IC 35-43-5-7 (Welfare Fraud) or IC 35-48-4 (Drugs) is not eligible to receive assistance under TANF .

(b). UNDER AGE PARENT

IC 12-14-1-1.5(b) – Except as provided in subsection (d) of the statute, a dependent child who is less than eighteen (18) years of age may be refused assistance is they are not residing with a parent, a legal guardian, or an adult relative other than a parent or legal guardian of the dependent child. .

(c). LIFE TIME BENEFITS OF TWENTY-FOUR MONTHS

IC 12-14-2-5.1 (a) – Subject to the provisions of "Employment Credit" of this statute, each parent or essential person is subject to a lifetime limit of twenty-four months for TANF benefits.

(d). CHILDREN BORN 10 MONTHS AFTER PARENT DETERMINED ELIGIBLE

IC 12-14-2-5.3(b) – Except as provided in certain sections of this statute, an additional payment may not be made for a dependent child who is born more than ten (10) months after the date the family qualifies for assistance under the law.

(e). MANDATORY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

IC 12-14-2-18 – A recipient or dependent child who fails to meet the requirements of the Mandatory School Attendance section is subject to being denied TANF assistance.

An TANF recipient who refuses to participate in an employment opportunity or a job training opportunity offered to the recipient under the Employment Opportunities for TANF recipients program is subject to being denied assistance.

ATTACHMENT #2

INCOME GUIDELINES



THE HHS POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE REMAINDER OF 2010 (August 2010)

[*Federal Register* Notice, August 3, 2010 — Full text]
 [Prior Poverty Guidelines and *Federal Register* References Since 1982]
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Legislation enacted in late 2009 and early 2010 prohibited publication of 2010 poverty guidelines before May 31, 2010, and required that the 2009 poverty guidelines remain in effect until publication of updated guidelines. Legislation to further delay publication of the 2010 guidelines did not pass. The procedure for updating the 2010 guidelines was modified to take into account the Consumer Price Index (CPI-U) for the period for which their publication was delayed. As a result, the poverty guideline figures for the remainder of 2010 — given below — were the same as the 2009 poverty guideline figures.

There are two slightly different versions of the federal poverty measure:

- The poverty thresholds, and
- The poverty guidelines.

The **poverty thresholds** are the original version of the federal poverty measure. They are updated each year by the **Census Bureau** (although they were originally developed by Mollie Orshensky of the Social Security Administration). The thresholds are used mainly for **statistical** purposes — for instance, preparing estimates of the number of Americans in poverty each year. (In other words, all official poverty population figures are calculated using the poverty thresholds, not the guidelines.) Poverty thresholds since 1973 (and for selected earlier years) and weighted average poverty thresholds since 1959 are available on the Census Bureau's Web site. For an example of how the Census Bureau applies the thresholds to a family's income to determine its poverty status, see "How the Census Bureau Measures Poverty" on the Census Bureau's web site.

The **poverty guidelines** are the other version of the federal poverty measure. They are issued each year in the *Federal Register* by the **Department of Health and Human Services** (HHS). The guidelines are a simplification of the poverty thresholds for use for **administrative** purposes — for instance, determining financial eligibility for certain federal programs. The *Federal Register* notice of the poverty guidelines for the remainder of 2010 is available.

The poverty guidelines are sometimes loosely referred to as the "federal poverty level" (FPL), but that phrase is ambiguous and should be avoided, especially in situations (e.g., legislative or administrative) where precision is important.

Key differences between poverty thresholds and poverty guidelines are outlined in a table under

ATTACHMENT #3

FOOD ORDER ALLOTMENTS

ATTACHMENT #4

NON-FOOD ALLOWANCES

ATTACHMENT #5

SHELTER ALLOWANCES

Final FY 2011 Fair Market Rent Documentation System

The Final FY 2011 Montgomery County FMRs for All Bedroom Sizes

The following table shows the Final FY 2011 FMRs by unit bedrooms.

Final FY 2011 FMRs By Unit Bedrooms					
	Efficiency	One-Bedroom	Two-Bedroom	Three-Bedroom	Four-Bedroom
Final FY 2011 FMR	\$436	\$513	\$653	\$889	\$936

The remainder of this page provides complete documentation of the development of the Final FY 2011 Fair Market Rents (FMRs) for **Montgomery County, Indiana**. This page provides a summary and details of how the Final FY 2011 FMRs were developed and updated starting with the formation of the FY 2011 FMR Areas from the metropolitan Core-Based Statistical Areas (CBSAs) as established by the Office of Management and Budget and incorporating newly available 2008 one and three year American Community Survey (ACS) Data. FY 2011 FMRs include information from local Random Digit Dialing (RDD) surveys conducted through 2009. Aspects of the derivation of Final FY 2011 rents exclusive to FY 2011 are made explicit in the following text. Aspects unchanged from FY 2010 can be reviewed by clicking on the associated link.

The following defines a summary of the steps taken to generate the Final FY 2011 FMR:

Montgomery County, IN Final FY 2011 FMR Calculation Summary	
Process Step	Step Result
1. Begin with Final FY 2010 2 Bedroom FMR	\$642
2. Remove Trending and CPI Updates from Final FY 2010 2 Bedroom FMR	\$590
3. Determine Update Factor through 2008	1.0421
4. Apply Update Factor (#2 x #3)	\$615
5a. Calculate Update Factors to 2009 and 5b. Trend Factor to April 1, 2011	1.0228 1.0376
6. Apply Update Factor to 2009 and Trend to Get Final FY 2011 2BR FMR (#4 x #5a x #5b)	\$653

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