

SY 2010 - 2011 Income Eligibility Guidelines

The Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines for the remainder of 2010 were published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2010. Recent legislation prohibited publication of the 2010 poverty guidelines before May 31, 2010, and required that the 2009 poverty guidelines remain in effect until publication of updated guidelines. Since legislation to further delay publication of the 2010 guidelines did not pass, HHS updated the **2010 poverty guidelines**, taking 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 showed no change from the 2009 poverty guideline figures. Publication of these poverty guidelines, therefore, does not require any change in the Income Eligibility Guidelines (IEGs) for USDA's Child Nutrition Programs for School Year (SY) 2010 - 2011. State agencies administering FNS programs in schools and institutions have been **advised by policy memorandum** that the 2009 - 2010 IEGs will remain in effect for the duration of the current SY and that such schools and institutions should continue to use the **2009 - 2010 IEGs** in making eligibility determinations for free and reduced price meals for SY 2010 - 2011.