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TO: ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

FROM: JANE OATES /s/
Assistant Secretary

SUBJECT: 2010 Federal Poverty Guidelines

1. **Purpose.** To issue the revised federal poverty guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program.
2. **References.** Section 518(a) (3) (A) of the Older Americans Act (OAA) Amendments of 2006, Public Law 109-365.
3. **Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal Guidelines for the remainder of 2010 on August 3, 2010. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees after being multiplied by 125 percent to convert poverty to "low-income" as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the 2006 Amendments to the OAA.

Recent legislation 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 show no change from the 2009 poverty guideline figures.

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4. **Directive.** The Federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register on August 3, 2010 (75 FR 148). Grantees should use this effective date for program operations.
5. **Action Required.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility.
6. **Effective Date.** The effective date is August 3, 2010.
7. **Inquiries.** Questions should be directed to your regional Federal Project Officer.
8. **Attachment.**

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