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**INFORMATIONAL LETTER**

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**TO:** Commissioners of  
 Social Services

**DIVISION:** Services and  
 Community  
 Development

**DATE:** January 28, 1997

**SUBJECT:** Consolidated Services Plan:  
 1997 Income Eligibility Standards

**SUGGESTED DISTRIBUTION:** Directors of Social Services  
 Adoption Supervisors  
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 Advisory Council Members  
 Staff Development Coordinators

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**FILING REFERENCES**

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
89 INF-50	89 INF-50	404.5b			Annual Implementat- ion Report Guidelines November (1996)
91 INF-2	91 INF-2				
91 INF-62	91 INF-62				
92 INF-51	92 INF-51				
93 INF-47	93 INF-47				
94 INF-57	94 INF-57				
95 INF-50					

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The purpose of this letter is to transmit the 1997 income standards to be used in determining eligibility for services. State income standards are established using the federal poverty level for family size of 4 as a base, adjusted by family size scale. Local district eligibility levels are recorded in Appendix F of the local district Consolidated Services Plan and are used as input to the district's Title XX services matrix within the Welfare Management System.

The following are the income standards, adjusted by family size scale, which should be used in determining eligibility for services in 1997.

<u>Family Size</u>	<u>Family Size Scale</u>	<u>Income Standards</u>
1	52%	\$ 8,346
2	68%	10,914
3	84%	13,482
4	100%	16,050
5	116%	18,618
6	132%	21,186
+ each additional member		add \$2568

  
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