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 SUBJECT: 1998 Emergency Safety Net Assistance Eligibility Standards Update

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Effective July 19, 1991, an income eligibility standard was established for emergency Home Relief. The Welfare Reform Act of 1997, eliminated the Home Relief Program and replaced it with the Safety Net Assistance Program. The Safety Net Assistance program continues to provide for emergency assistance. The income standard for E-SNA continues to be 125% of the Federal Income Official Poverty Line, which is updated annually by the federal Department of Health and Human Services. As in the past, this standard does not apply if the emergency is the result of a fire, flood or other like catastrophe or if the emergency assistance is granted in accordance with Department regulations 352.5 (c), (d) and (e).

These guidelines are effective April 1 of each year and are effective until March 31 of the following year. The following new guidelines will be effective April 1, 1998 until March 31, 1999:

125% of Federal Income Official Poverty Lines
 By Family Size, 1998

| HH Size | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Annual | \$10062 | \$13562 | \$17062 | \$20562 | \$24062 | \$27562 | \$31062 | \$34562 |
| Monthly | \$ 838 | \$ 1130 | \$ 1421 | \$ 1713 | \$ 2005 | \$ 2296 | \$ 2588 | \$ 2880 |

For households with more than eight members, add \$3500 annually and \$291 monthly for each additional household member. The next Public Assistance Source Book update, expected to be released in mid-May, will include these updated figures.