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APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Morris County Hospital utilizes the current Federal Poverty Guidelines (attached) for income and family size to make determinations for financial assistance eligibility. The Board of Trustees and the Administration of the hospital have established a tiered guideline as the criterion that is to be followed when granting financial assistance.

The hospital administration must have certain facts about your personal financial situation so it may make a reasonable judgment about your ability to pay your bill.

The following documents must be submitted along with the application in order for the application to be considered.

- 1. Copies of your Federal Income Tax Returns for the past 3 years.*
- 2. Current pay stub showing your year-to-date earnings.*

OR

If you are retired and rely solely upon Social Security payments for your income then we will need copies of the letters from the Social Security Administration indicating what your annual payment amount will be for the current year.

Submitted Financial Assistance Requests will be reviewed by the Chief Financial Officer and if the application meets the criteria as approved by the Morris County Hospital Board of Trustees it will then be sent to accounts receivable for processing. The patient will then be notified of the outcome of their request.

I understand that the information, which I submit, is subject to verification by Morris County Hospital and others as requested. I certify that the information submitted is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signed: _____ Date: _____



phone number listed above at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Maria G. Button, Director, Executive Secretariat. [FR Doc. 2025-01218 Filed 1-16-25; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4165-15-P

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an update of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) poverty guidelines to account for last calendar year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

DATES: January 15, 2025 unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about how the guidelines are used or how income is defined in a particular program, contact the Federal, State, or local office that is responsible for that program. For information about poverty figures for immigration forms, the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program, and the number of people in poverty, use the specific telephone numbers and addresses given below.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, contact Kendall Swenson, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E.3, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 795-7309—or visit http://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/.

For general questions about the poverty guidelines themselves, visit https://aspe.hhs.gov/poverty/.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as USCIS Form I-864, Affidavit of Support, contact U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services at 1-800-375-5283. You also may visit https://www.uscis.gov/i-864.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (free

or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other facilities for persons meeting eligibility criteria involving the poverty guidelines), visit https://www.hrsa.gov/get-health-care/affordable/hill-burton/index.html.

For information about the number of people in poverty, visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau's website at https://www.census.gov/topics/income-poverty/poverty.html or contact the Census Bureau's Customer Service Center at 1-800-923-8282 (toll-free) or visit https://ask.census.gov for further information.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 673(2) of the Community Services Block Grant (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) requires the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services to update the poverty guidelines at least annually, adjusting them on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The poverty guidelines are used by Medicaid and a number of other Federal programs as a criterion for some or all eligibility determinations. The poverty guidelines issued here are a simplified version of the poverty thresholds that the Census Bureau uses to prepare its estimates of the number of individuals and families in poverty.

As required by law, this update is accomplished by increasing the latest published Census Bureau poverty thresholds by the applicable percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U). The guidelines in this 2025 notice reflect the 2.9 percent price increase between calendar years 2023 and 2024. After updating for inflation, the guidelines are rounded and standardized to establish the same interval between each family size. In rare circumstances, rounding and standardizing in the formula result in small decreases in the poverty guidelines for some household sizes even when the inflation factor is not negative. In cases where the year-to-year change in inflation is not negative and rounding and standardizing in the formula result in reductions to the guidelines from the previous year for some household sizes, the guidelines for the affected household sizes are fixed at the prior year's guidelines. As in prior years, these 2025 guidelines are roughly equal to the poverty thresholds for calendar year 2024, which the Census Bureau expects to publish in final form in September 2025.

The poverty guidelines continue to be derived from the Census Bureau's current official poverty thresholds; they

are not derived from the Census Bureau's Supplemental Poverty Measure (SPM).

The following guideline figures represent annual income.

2025 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Table with 2 columns: Persons in family/household, Poverty guideline. Rows 1-8 with values ranging from \$15,650 to \$54,150.

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$5,500 for each additional person.

2025 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Table with 2 columns: Persons in family/household, Poverty guideline. Rows 1-8 with values ranging from \$19,550 to \$67,710.

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$6,880 for each additional person.

2025 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR HAWAII

Table with 2 columns: Persons in family/household, Poverty guideline. Rows 1-8 with values ranging from \$17,990 to \$62,300.

For families/households with more than 8 persons, add \$6,330 for each additional person.

Separate poverty guideline figures for Alaska and Hawaii reflect Office of Economic Opportunity administrative practice beginning in the 1966-1970 period. (Note that the Census Bureau poverty thresholds—the version of the poverty measure used for statistical purposes—have never had separate figures for Alaska and Hawaii.) The

poverty guidelines are not defined for Puerto Rico or other outlying jurisdictions. In cases in which a Federal program using the poverty guidelines serves any of those jurisdictions, the Federal office that administers the program is generally responsible for deciding whether to use the contiguous-states-and-DC guidelines for those jurisdictions or to follow some other procedure.

Due to confusing legislative language dating back to 1972, the poverty guidelines sometimes have been mistakenly referred to as the "OMB" (Office of Management and Budget) poverty guidelines or poverty line. In fact, OMB has never issued the guidelines; the guidelines are issued each year by the Department of Health and Human Services. The poverty guidelines may be formally referenced as "the poverty guidelines updated periodically in the **Federal Register** by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services under the authority of 42 U.S.C. 9902(2)."

Some Federal programs use a percentage multiple of the guidelines (for example, 125 percent or 185 percent of the guidelines), as noted in relevant authorizing legislation or program regulations. Non-Federal organizations that use the poverty guidelines under their own authority in non-Federally-funded activities also may choose to use a percentage multiple of the guidelines.

The poverty guidelines do not make a distinction between farm and non-farm families, or between aged and non-aged units. (Only the Census Bureau poverty thresholds have separate figures for aged and non-aged one-person and two-person units.)

This notice does not provide definitions of such terms as "income" or "family" as there is considerable variation of these terms among programs that use the poverty guidelines. The legislation or regulations governing each program define these terms and determine how the program applies the poverty guidelines. In cases where legislation or regulations do not establish these definitions, the entity that administers or funds the program is responsible to define such terms as "income" and "family." Therefore, questions such as net or gross income, counted or excluded income, or household size should be directed to the entity that administers or funds the program.

Xavier Becerra,

Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Center for Scientific Review; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to section 1009 of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, notice is hereby given of the following meetings.

The meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with the provisions set forth in sections 552b(c)(4) and 552b(c)(6), title 5 U.S.C., as amended. The grant applications and the discussions could disclose confidential trade secrets or commercial property such as patentable material, and personal information concerning individuals associated with the grant applications, the disclosure of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Name of Committee: Cardiovascular and Respiratory Sciences Integrated Review Group Integrative Myocardial Physiology/Pathophysiology B Study Section.

Date: February 12–13, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Kirk E. Dineley, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 806E, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 867-5309, dineleyke@csr.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Bioengineering Sciences & Technologies Integrated Review Group Drug and Biologic Therapeutic Delivery Study Section.

Date: February 18–19, 2025.

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Janice Duy, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301-594-3139, janice.duy@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Oncology 1-Basic Translational Integrated Review Group Cancer Genetics Study Section.

Date: February 18–19, 2025.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications..

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Juraj Bies, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 4158, MSC 7806, Bethesda, MD 20892, 301 435 1256, biesj@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Biobehavioral and Behavioral Processes Integrated Review Group; Biobehavioral Regulation, Learning and Ethology Study Section.

Date: February 18–19, 2025.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health, Rockledge II, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Sara Louise Hargrave, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institute of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 3170, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 443-7193, hargraves@mail.nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Social and Community Influences on Health Integrated Review Group; Social Psychology, Personality and Interpersonal Processes Study Section.

Date: February 18–19, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health Rockledge II 6701 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting.

Contact Person: Joshua J. Maticotta, Psy.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 827-7498, josh.maticotta@nih.gov.

Name of Committee: Endocrinology, Metabolism, Nutrition and Reproductive Sciences Integrated Review Group; Cell Signaling and Molecular Endocrinology Study Section.

Date: February 18–19, 2025.

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Agenda: To review and evaluate grant applications.

Address: National Institutes of Health Rockledge II 6701 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20892.

Meeting Format: Virtual Meeting

Contact Person: Latha Malaiyandi, Ph.D., Scientific Review Officer, Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 812Q, Bethesda, MD 20892, (301) 435-1999, malaiyandilm@csr.nih.gov.

(Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 93.306, Comparative Medicine;

Number of Persons in the family	2025 Poverty Guideline	150% of 2025 Guideline	200% of 2025 Guideline	225% of 2025 Guideline
1	15,650	23,475	31,300	35,213
2	21,150	31,725	42,300	47,588
3	26,650	39,975	53,300	59,963
4	32,150	48,225	64,300	72,338
5	37,650	56,475	75,300	84,713
6	43,150	64,725	86,300	97,088
7	48,650	72,975	97,300	109,463
8	54,150	81,225	108,300	121,838

Level of Assistance: 100% 75% 50% 25%

For families with more than 8 persons, add \$5,500 for each additional person.