

## **Policy Communiqué #10-04: Freeze on Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG)**

**This is a message from the Bureau of Subsidized Child Care Services**

**Title:** Freeze on Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIG)

**Date:** April 15, 2010

**Priority:** High

**Category:** Informational

**Action Required:** None

**Response Required:** None

### **Purpose:**

The purpose of this communiqué is to advise Child Care Information Services (CCIS) that the Federal government has not yet revised the 2010 FPIG. The FPIG remain frozen at the 2009 levels.

### **Discussion:**

The Federal government announced the extension of the 2009 FPIG until at least March 31, 2010. As of now, the Office of Child Development and Early Learning (OCDEL) has not received any additional information and the 2009 FPIG remain in effect.

The reason for the freeze is that for the first time since the FPIG were issued in 1965, the annual average Consumer Price Index decreased from the previous year. If the 2009 FPIG were not frozen, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services would have had to issue 2010 FPIG that were lower than the 2009 FPIG. This would result in a reduction in eligibility for families participating in the subsidized child care program.

CCISs will not be processing the annual FPIG updates on the first Monday in May. OCDEL will advise CCISs and adjust the timeline accordingly upon publication of the 2010 FPIG.

### **Next Steps:**

1. Share this information with appropriate staff and interested parties.
2. Direct questions to your Subsidy Coordinator.