

Attachment 3

100 Percent, 110 Percent and 150 Percent of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Federal Poverty Guidelines Adjusted for LIHEAP Use by Puerto Rico.¹

The tables below show the calculations for the Federal Poverty Guidelines for optional use in (FFY) 2021 LIHEAP and mandatory use in FFY 2022 LIHEAP by the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and recommended for the other territories.

Size of household	100% Poverty Guidelines	110% Poverty Guidelines	150% Poverty Guidelines
1	\$4,591	\$5,047	\$6,886
2	\$6,123	\$6,733	\$9,184
3	\$7,655	\$8,419	\$11,482
4	\$9,187	\$10,105	\$13,780
5	\$10,719	\$11,791	\$16,078
6	\$12,251	\$13,477	\$18,376
7	\$13,783	\$15,163	\$20,674
8	\$15,315	\$16,849	\$22,972

¹ HHS does not issue poverty guidelines for federal programs in the U.S. territories. HHS has indicated that federal programs are generally responsible for deciding whether to use the Continental United States poverty guidelines for the territories or follow some other procedure. See “Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines,” Federal Register, Vol. 86, No. 19, February 1, 2021, pp. 7732-7734. However, the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services (OCS), Division of Energy Assistance (DEA) has developed an approach to adjust the HHS poverty guidelines for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico’s use in determining income eligibility for LIHEAP. This approach involves using state median income data from the American Community Survey and from the Puerto Rico Community Survey to adjust the federal poverty guidelines of the continental United States. Median income data is lacking for the other territories because a similar survey does not exist for those territories. Consequently, DEA recommends that those territories use the adjusted poverty guidelines developed annually for the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico in determining LIHEAP income eligibility.

For households with more than eight members add the following amounts for each member over eight: (1) \$1,532 at 100 percent of the adjusted HHS poverty guidelines; (2) \$1,686 at 110 percent of the adjusted HHS poverty guidelines; and (3) \$2,298 at 150 percent of the adjusted HHS poverty guidelines.