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SUBJECT: 2021 Federal Poverty Guidelines

The U. S. Department of Health and Human Services released the annual updated federal poverty guidelines, which are used to establish financial eligibility for various federal programs. These guidelines are **effective Jan. 13, 2021**.

The 2021 poverty guidelines for Illinois are:

Family Size	Poverty Guideline
1	\$12,880
2	\$17,420
3	\$21,960
4	\$26,500
5	\$31,040
6	\$35,580
7	\$40,120
8	\$44,660

For families/households with more than eight people, add \$4,540 for each additional person. For Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program, the federal poverty guidelines in place “at the time of application” are used to determine eligibility. However, Medicaid agencies have flexibility as to when they adopt the new federal poverty guidelines.