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**ILLINOIS HEALTH AND HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chief Financial Officers, Member Hospitals and Health Systems  
Other Finance Staff

**ROUTE TO:** Patient Financial Services

**FROM:** Laura Torres, Manager, Health Policy & Finance

**SUBJECT: 2025 Federal Poverty Guidelines**

The U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS) [released](#) updated annual federal poverty guidelines for 2025. The federal poverty guidelines establish financial eligibility for various federal programs, such as Medicaid. These guidelines were **effective on Jan. 15, 2025.**

The 2025 poverty guidelines for Illinois are:

Family Size	Poverty Guideline
1	\$15,650
2	\$21,150
3	\$26,650
4	\$32,150
5	\$37,650
6	\$43,150
7	\$48,650
8	\$54,150

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

For Medicaid and the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP), 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.