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MEMORANDUM

**TO: MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES
MUNICIPAL COURT DIRECTORS
MUNICIPAL COURT ADMINISTRATORS**

FROM: Philip S. Carchman, P.J.A.D.

**RE: 2008 Income Eligibility Guidelines for Indigent Defense Services;
Implementation of L. 1997, c. 256 - The Municipal Public Defender Law**

DATE: February 5, 2008

By memorandum of April 12, 2007, I distributed a set of updated Income Eligibility Guidelines based on the Poverty Index for use in 2007 in applying the Municipal Public Defender Law (L. 1997, c. 256). The federal Department of Health and Human Services updates the Poverty Index annually. Accordingly, attached are the updated Income Eligibility Guidelines for 2008. These Guidelines are effective immediately and supersede for these purposes all previously issued Income Eligibility Guidelines.

Questions regarding the 2008 Income Eligibility Guidelines or their application may be directed to Valerie Pallay in the AOC's Municipal Court Services Division at 609-292-9633.

Attachment

C: Assignment Judges
Conference of Presiding Judges - Municipal Courts
John P. McCarthy, Jr., Director, Trial Court Services
Trial Court Administrators
Conference of Municipal Court Division Managers
Robert W. Smith, Asst. Director, Municipal Court Services
John Podeszwa, Chief, Technical Assistance Unit
Valerie Pallay, Administrative Specialist IV
Steven D. Bonville, Special Assistant



2008 Income Eligibility Guideline for Indigent Defense Services

Data reflects 125% of the Federal poverty guidelines as defined by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Household Size	One	Two	Three	Four	Five	Six	Seven	Eight
Annual Gross Income	\$13,000.00	\$17,500.00	\$22,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$31,000.00	\$35,500.00	\$40,000.00	\$44,500.00
Monthly Gross Income	\$1,083.33	\$1,458.33	\$1,833.33	\$2,208.33	\$2,583.33	\$2,958.33	\$3,333.33	\$3,708.33
Weekly Gross Income	\$250.00	\$336.54	\$423.08	\$509.62	\$596.15	\$673.08	\$769.23	\$855.77

* If the household size exceeds eight, add \$4,500 gross income per year, \$375.00 per month, or \$86.54 per week for each additional member of the household.

Source data:

**Poverty Guidelines updated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services,
published in the *Federal Register*, Vol. 73, No.15, January 23, 2008, pp. 3971.**