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**TO:** ALL SENIOR COMMUNITY SERVICE EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM GRANTEES

**FROM:** Portia Wu /s/  
Assistant Secretary

**SUBJECT:** 2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines for Senior Community Service Employment Program Grants

1. **Purpose.** To issue the revised Federal poverty guidelines for the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP).
2. **References.** Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the Older Americans Act (OAA) Amendments of 2006, Public Law 109-365.
3. **Background.** The Department of Health and Human Services published the updated Federal poverty guidelines for 2015 on January 22, 2015. These guidelines provide the basis for determining the income eligibility of SCSEP applicants and enrollees after being multiplied by 125 percent to convert the poverty guidelines to “low-income” as defined at Section 518(a)(3)(A) of the 2006 Amendments to the OAA.
4. **Action Required.** Grantees must use the attached poverty and low-income guidelines when determining or recertifying SCSEP participant eligibility. The 2015 rate reflects a 1.6 percent price increase to account for last calendar year’s increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.
5. **Effective Date.** The Federal poverty guidelines found in the attachment are effective from the date they were published in the Federal Register on January 22, 2015 (80 FR 3236). Grantees should use this effective date for program operations.
6. **Inquiries.** Please direct questions to your regional Federal Project Officer.

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7. **Attachment.** 2015 Federal Poverty Guidelines for SCSEP