



**MFIP EMPLOYMENT SERVICES MANUAL
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES ATTACHMENT
REVISED SECTIONS – ISSUED 04/2017**

The following sections update amounts based on the April 2017 Federal Poverty Guideline update:

Appendix A-1 (MFIP Initial Eligibility Threshold Guide).

Appendix A-2 (Amount of Earnings Needed to Exit MFIP Cash).

Appendix A-3 (Amount of Earnings Needed to Exit MFIP).

The maximum earnings on this initial eligibility threshold chart are calculated assuming that the unit is employed at application, has only earned income, has not been on MFIP in the previous 4 months, and receives the regular Transitional Standard. The earnings amounts listed assume that the unit has no child care expenses, makes no child or spousal support payments and allocates no income to others in the household. Unless otherwise noted, the table assumes working 40 hours per week and 4.3 weeks per month.

This chart should be used only as a guide and not to determine eligibility.

To be eligible for MFIP, the assistance unit's gross earnings minus a disregard of the 1st \$65 of earned income per wage earner plus half of the remaining earned income of the assistance unit must be below the Family Wage Level for that size unit in the month of application. These earnings thresholds apply to a DWP family who applies for MFIP after having received 4 months of DWP benefits. The current state minimum wage is \$9.50/hour for large employers.

Household Size	10/1/2016 Family Wage Level	Maximum Monthly Gross Earnings of Applicant to be Eligible for MFIP	Maximum Hourly Wage & number of hours worked of Applicant to be Eligible for MFIP	Monthly 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines*	Percent of Federal Poverty Guideline at Threshold
1	\$464	\$991	24 hrs/wk @ \$9.50	\$1,005	99%
2	\$829	\$1,721	40hrs/wk @ \$10.00	\$1,353	127%
3	\$1,090	\$2,243	40hrs/wk @ \$13.04	\$1,702	132%
4	\$1328	\$2,719	40hrs/wk @ \$15.80	\$2,050	133%
5	\$1,535	\$3,133	40hrs/wk @ \$18.21	\$2,398	131%
6	\$1,766	\$3,595	40hrs/wk @ \$20.90	\$2,747	131%
7	\$1,923	\$3,909	40hrs/wk @ \$22.72	\$3,095	126%
8	\$2,124	\$4,311	40hrs/wk @ \$25.06	\$3,443	125%
9	\$2,324	\$4,711	40hrs/wk @ \$27.38	\$3,791	124%

10	\$2,517	\$5,097	40hrs/wk @ \$29.63	\$4,139	123%
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*The 2017 FPG amounts are effective for Calendar Year 2017.

This table is used to calculate the amount of earnings needed to exit the MFIP cash portion and eligible only for the food portion.

NOTE: MFIP does not count against 60-month clock if only the food portion is received. A participant can choose to “opt out” of cash portion to stop the 60-month clock.

Unless otherwise noted, this table assumes working 40 hours per week and 4.3 weeks per month. It also assumes no allocation, deeming or sanctions. Calculations are based on MFIP standards effective October 1, 2016. The current state minimum wage is \$9.50 per hour for large employers. The earned income disregard is the 1st \$65 of earned income per wage earner plus half of the remaining earned income of the assistance unit.

Amount of Earnings Needed to Reach the Food Portion

Household Size	Full MFIP Food Portion Effective 10/1/2016	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Weekly Hours Must Work at Minimum Wage	Hourly Wage	Child Care Bi-Weekly Copay when Lose Cash*	2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)**	Percent of FPG when Lose Cash Portion
1	\$172	\$649	\$7,788	15 hrs	\$9.50	None	\$12,060	65%
2	\$317	\$1,089	\$13,068	26 hrs	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$16,240	80%
3	\$459	\$1,327	\$15,924	32 hrs	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$20,420	78%
4	\$586	\$1,549	\$18,588	37 hrs	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$24,600	76%
5	\$698	\$1,739	\$20,868	40 hrs	\$10.11	None	\$28,780	73%
6	\$832	\$1,933	\$23,196	40 hrs	\$11.23	None	\$32,960	70%
7	\$898	\$2,115	\$25,380	40 hrs	\$12.29	None	\$37,140	68%
8	\$1,015	\$2,283	\$27,396	40 hrs	\$13.27	None	\$41,320	66%
9	\$1,133	\$2,447	\$29,364	40 hrs	\$14.22	None	\$45,500	65%
10	\$1,253	\$2,593	\$31,116	40 hrs	\$15.07	None	\$49,680	63%

*The child care co-pay amounts are effective October 10, 2016.

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AMOUNT OF EARNINGS NEEDED TO EXIT MFIP

APPENDIX A-3

This table is used to calculate the amount of earnings needed to exit the MFIP program (both the cash and food portion) effective October 1, 2016.

Household Size	Family Wage Level	Monthly Income	Annual Income	Hourly Wage	Child Care Bi-Weekly Copay when Exit MFIP*	Annual 2017 Federal Poverty Guidelines (FPG)**	Percent of FPG when Exit MFIP
1	\$464	\$992	\$11,904	24 hrs/wk @ \$9.50	NA	\$12,060	99%
2	\$829	\$1,722	\$20,664	\$10.01	\$24	\$16,240	127%
3	\$1,090	\$2,244	\$26,928	\$13.04	\$30	\$20,420	132%
4	\$1,328	\$2,720	\$32,640	\$15.81	\$38	\$24,600	133%
5	\$1,535	\$3,134	\$37,608	\$18.22	\$44	\$28,780	131%
6	\$1,766	\$3,596	\$43,152	\$20.90	\$50	\$32,960	131%
7	\$1,923	\$3,910	\$46,920	\$22.73	\$53	\$37,140	126%
8	\$2,124	\$4,312	\$51,744	\$25.06	\$66	\$41,320	125%
9	\$2,324	\$4,712	\$56,544	\$27.39	\$86	\$45,500	124%
10	\$2,517	\$5,098	\$61,176	\$29.63	\$115	\$49,680	123%

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