



**MFIP EMPLOYMENT SERVICES MANUAL
DESCRIPTION OF CHANGES ATTACHMENT
REVISED SECTIONS – ISSUED 10/2017**

Appendix A (MFIP Assistance Standards) updates the MFIP Assistance Standards.

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

Appendix A-2 (Amount of Earnings Needed to Exit MFIP Cash) updates the Amount of Earnings Needed to Reach the Food Portion Table.

Appendix A-3 (Amount of Earnings Needed to Exit MFIP) updates the Amount of Earnings Needed to Exit MFIP Table amounts.

MFIP Transition Standards effective October 1, 2017:

MFIP Unit	Family Wage Level	Transitional Standard		
Eligible People	Standard	Full Standard	Cash Portion	Food Portion
1	\$ 462	\$ 420	\$ 250	\$ 170
2	825	750	437	313
3	1,082	984	532	452
4	1,318	1,198	621	577
5	1,522	1,384	697	687
6	1,753	1,594	773	821
7	1,910	1,736	850	886
8	2,109	1,917	916	1,001
9	2,306	2,096	980	1,116
10	2,497	2,270	1,035	1,235
Each Additional Person	189	172	53	119

Use the Family Wage Level (FWL) standard for all applicants at the initial income test.

When calculating the monthly benefit level, use the FWL only for units with earned income.

Some state and federal programs do not count the food portion as income. Examples of these programs include housing subsidy programs, low income energy assistance program, Relative Custody Assistance program (RCAP), and Supplemental Security Income when determining interim assistance amount.

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	10/1/2017 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	\$462	\$987	24 hrs/wk @ \$9.56	\$1,005	98%
2	\$825	\$1,713	40hrs/wk @ \$9.95	\$1,353	127%
3	\$1,082	\$2,227	40hrs/wk @ \$12.94	\$1,702	131%
4	\$1,318	\$2,699	40hrs/wk @ \$15.69	\$2,050	132%
5	\$1,522	\$3,107	40hrs/wk @ \$18.06	\$2,398	130%
6	\$1,753	\$3,569	40hrs/wk @ \$20.75	\$2,747	130%
7	\$1,910	\$3,883	40hrs/wk @ \$22.57	\$3,095	125%
8	\$2,109	\$4,281	40hrs/wk @ \$24.88	\$3,443	124%
9	\$2,306	\$4,675	40hrs/wk @ \$27.18	\$3,791	123%

10	\$2,497	\$5,057	40hrs/wk @ \$29.40	\$4,139	122%
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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, 2017. 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 10/1/2017	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	\$170	\$649	\$7,788	15 hrs	\$9.50	None	\$12,060	65%
2	\$313	\$1,089	\$13,068	26 hrs	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$16,240	80%
3	\$452	\$1,325	\$15,900	32 hrs	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$20,420	78%
4	\$577	\$1,547	\$18,564	37 hrs	\$9.50	\$2.00	\$24,600	75%
5	\$687	\$1,735	\$20,820	40 hrs	\$10.09	None	\$28,780	72%
6	\$821	\$1,929	\$23,148	40 hrs	\$11.21	None	\$32,960	70%
7	\$886	\$2,113	\$25,356	40 hrs	\$12.28	None	\$37,140	68%
8	\$1,001	\$2,281	\$27,372	40 hrs	\$13.26	None	\$41,320	66%
9	\$1,116	\$2,445	\$29,340	40 hrs	\$14.21	None	\$45,500	64%
10	\$1,235	\$2,589	\$31,068	40 hrs	\$15.05	None	\$49,680	63%

*The child care co-pay amounts are effective October 9, 2017.

**The 2017 FPG amounts are effective for Calendar Year 2017.

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, 2017.

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	\$462	\$988	\$11,856	24 hrs/wk @ \$9.57	NA	\$12,060	98%
2	\$825	\$1,714	\$20,568	\$9.96	\$21	\$16,240	127%
3	\$1,082	\$2,228	\$26,736	\$12.95	\$31	\$20,420	131%
4	\$1,318	\$2,700	\$32,400	\$15.69	\$37	\$24,600	132%
5	\$1,522	\$3,108	\$37,296	\$18.06	\$43	\$28,780	130%
6	\$1,753	\$3,570	\$42,840	\$20.75	\$49	\$32,960	130%
7	\$1,910	\$3,884	\$46,608	\$22.58	\$54	\$37,140	125%
8	\$2,109	\$4,282	\$51,384	\$24.89	\$65	\$41,320	124%
9	\$2,306	\$4,676	\$56,112	\$27.18	\$84	\$45,500	123%
10	\$2,497	\$5,058	\$60,696	\$29.40	\$107	\$49,680	122%

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