

Legal Services Corporation

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legal problem for which representation is sought, and the nature of the legal services to be provided.

(b) No written retainer agreement is required for advice and counsel or brief service provided by the recipient to the client or for legal services provided to the client by a private attorney pursuant to 45 CFR part 1614.

(c) The recipient shall maintain copies of all retainer agreements generated in accordance with this section.

APPENDIX A TO PART 1611—LEGAL SERVICES CORPORATION 2005 POVERTY GUIDELINES*

| Size of family unit | 48 Contiguous States and the District of Columbia ⁱ | Alaska ⁱⁱ | Hawaii ⁱⁱⁱ |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| 1 | \$11,963 | \$14,938 | \$13,763 |
| 2 | 16,038 | 20,038 | 18,450 |
| 3 | 20,113 | 25,138 | 23,138 |
| 4 | 24,188 | 30,238 | 27,825 |
| 5 | 28,263 | 35,338 | 32,513 |
| 6 | 32,338 | 40,438 | 37,200 |
| 7 | 36,413 | 45,538 | 41,888 |
| 8 | 40,488 | 50,638 | 46,575 |

*The figures in this table represent 125% of the poverty guidelines by family size as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

ⁱFor family units with more than eight members, add \$4,075 for each additional member in a family.

ⁱⁱFor family units with more than eight members, add \$5,100 for each additional member in a family.

ⁱⁱⁱFor family units with more than eight members, add \$4,688 for each additional member in a family.

PART 1612—RESTRICTIONS ON LOBBYING AND CERTAIN OTHER ACTIVITIES

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§ 1612.1 Purpose.

The purpose of this part is to ensure that LSC recipients and their employees do not engage in certain prohibited activities, including representation before legislative bodies or other direct lobbying activity, grassroots lobbying, participation in rulemaking, public demonstrations, advocacy training, and certain organizing activities. The part also provides guidance on when recipients may participate in public rulemaking or in efforts to encourage State or local governments to make funds available to support recipient activities, and when they may respond to requests of legislative and administrative officials.

§ 1612.2 Definitions.

(a) (1) *Grassroots lobbying* means any oral, written or electronically transmitted communication or any advertisement, telegram, letter, article, newsletter, or other printed or written matter or device which contains a direct suggestion to the public to contact public officials in support of or in opposition to pending or proposed legislation, regulations, executive decisions, or any decision by the electorate on a measure submitted to it for a vote. It also includes the provision of financial contributions by recipients to, or participation by recipients in, any demonstration, march, rally, fundraising drive, lobbying campaign, letter writing or telephone campaign for the purpose of influencing the course of such legislation, regulations, decisions by administrative bodies, or any decision by the electorate on a measure submitted to it for a vote.

(2) *Grassroots lobbying* does not include communications which are limited solely to reporting on the content or status of, or explaining, pending or proposed legislation or regulations.

(b) (1) *Legislation* means any action or proposal for action by Congress or by a State or local legislative body which is intended to prescribe law or public policy. The term includes, but is not limited to, action on bills, constitutional amendments, ratification of treaties and intergovernmental agreements, approval of appointments and budgets, and approval or disapproval of actions of the executive.