

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Approximately 11:15 a.m., Tuesday, March 23, 1999, following a recess at the conclusion of the open meeting.

PLACE: Marriner S. Eccles Federal Reserve Board Building, 20th and C Streets, NW., Washington, DC 20551.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Personnel actions (appointments, promotions, assignments, reassignments, and salary actions) involving individual Federal Reserve System employees.
2. Any matters carried forward from a previously announced meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Lynn S. Fox, Assistant to the Board; (202) 452-3204.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: You may call (202) 452-3206 beginning at approximately 5 p.m. two business days before the meeting for a recorded announcement of bank and bank holding company applications scheduled for the meeting; or you may contact the Board's Web site at <http://www.federalreserve.gov> for an electronic announcement that not only lists applications, but also indicates procedural and other information about the meeting.

Dated: March 16, 1999.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Associate Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Office of the Secretary

Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines

AGENCY: Department of Health and Human Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice provides an update of the HHS poverty guidelines to account for last (calendar) year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index.

EFFECTIVE DATE: These guidelines go into effect on the day they are published (unless an office administering a program using the guidelines specifies a different effective date for that particular program.)

ADDRESSES: Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation,

Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about how the poverty guidelines are used in a particular program, contact the Federal (or other) office which is responsible for that program.

For general information about the poverty guidelines (but NOT for information about a particular program—such as the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program—that uses the poverty guidelines), contact Gordon Fisher, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Room 404E, Humphrey Building, Department of Health and Human Services, Washington, DC 20201—telephone: (202) 690-5880; persons with internet access may visit the poverty guidelines internet site at <http://aspe.os.dhhs.gov/poverty/poverty.htm>.

For information about the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program (no-fee or reduced-fee health care services at certain hospitals and other health care facilities for certain persons unable to pay for such care), contact the Office of the Director, Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery, HRSA, HHS, Twinbrook Metro Plaza, 12300 Twinbrook Parkway, Suite 520, Rockville, Maryland 20857—telephone: (301) 443-5656 or 1-800-638-0742 (for callers outside Maryland) or 1-800-492-0359 (for callers in Maryland); persons with internet access may visit the Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery internet home page site at <http://www.hrsa.gov/osp/dfcr>. The Division of Facilities Compliance and Recovery notes that as set by 42 CFR 124.505(b), the effective date of this update of the poverty guidelines for facilities obligated under the Hill-Burton Uncompensated Services Program is sixty days from the date of this publication.

For information about the percentage multiple of the poverty guidelines to be used on immigration forms such as INS Form I-864, Affidavit of Support, contact the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service. To get a copy of the most recent poverty guidelines published by the Immigration and Naturalization Service, call 1-800-870-3676 and ask for Form I-864. To obtain information on the most recent poverty guidelines call (202) 514-2607. Persons with internet access may obtain the information from the Immigration and Naturalization Service internet site at <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov>, and may download the affidavit of support forms and poverty guidelines from <http://www.ins.usdoj.gov/forms/download/i-864pkg.htm>.

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Under an amendment to the Older Americans Act, the figures in this notice are the figures that state and area agencies on aging should use to determine "greatest economic need" for Older Americans Act programs. For information about Older Americans Act programs, contact Carol Crecy, Administration on Aging, HHS—telephone: (202) 619-0011.

For information about the Department of Labor's Lower Living Standard Income Level (an alternative eligibility criterion with the poverty guidelines for certain Job Training Partnership Act programs), contact Ronald E. Putz, Director, Office of Employment and Training Programs, U.S. Department of Labor—telephone: (202) 219-5229, voicemail 173; persons with internet access may visit the Employment and Training Administration's Lower Living Standard Income Level internet site at <http://www.wdsc.org/techcouncil/prototypes/lslil/lslil.htm>.

For information about the number of people in poverty (since 1959) or about the Census Bureau (statistical) poverty thresholds, contact the HHES Division, Room 1462, Federal Office Building #3, U.S. Bureau of the Census, Washington, DC 20233—telephone: (301) 457-3242; persons with internet access may visit the Poverty section of the Census Bureau's World Wide Web site at <http://www.census.gov/hhes/www/poverty.html>.

1999 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR THE 48 CONTIGUOUS STATES AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
1	\$8,240
2	11,060
3	13,880
4	16,700
5	19,520
6	22,340
7	25,160
8	27,980

For family units with more than 8 members, add \$2,820 for each additional member. (The same increment applies to smaller family sizes also, as can be seen in the figures above.)

1999 POVERTY GUIDELINES FOR ALASKA

Size of family unit	Poverty guideline
1	\$10,320