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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES)

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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Donald E. Percy, Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services and custodian of the official records of said department, do hereby certify that the annexed rules relating to low income standard for allocating state nutrition and senior volunteer funds were duly approved and adopted by the department on March 23, 1982.

I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the department at the State Office Building, 1 W. Wilson Street, in the city of Madison, this 23rd day of March, A.D. 1982.

Donald E. Percy, Secretary

Department of Health and Social Services

10-1-82

ORDER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES ADOPTING RULES

To adopt HSS 67, relating to rules defining low income for purposes of allocating state funds to nutrition projects serving older persons and to certain senior companion and retired senior volunteer projects.

Analysis Prepared by the Department of Health and Social Services

Chapter 20 of the Laws of 1981 provides that state funds to supplement Federal funding of congregate nutrition projects serving older persons and home-delivered meal projects serving home-bound elderly, and to support senior companion and retired senior volunteer projects not receiving Federal financial support, are to be allocated on the basis of the percentage of the state's population of low-income persons over the age of 60 who live in each county or are members of an American Indian tribe. These rules equate "low income" for purposes of s.46.80(5)(a) to (c), Stats., with income beneath the poverty thresholds established by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Department of Health and Social Services by ss.46.80(5)(c) and 227.014(2), Stats., the Department of Health and Social Services hereby adopts rules interpreting ss.46.80(5)(a) and (b), Stats., as follows:

CHAPTER HSS 67 LOW-INCOME STANDARD FOR ALLOCATING STATE NUTRITION AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER FUNDS

HSS 67.01 AUTHORITY AND PURPOSE. This chapter is promulgated pursuant to s.46.80(5) Stats., which directs the department to adopt rules defining "low income" of persons over age 60 for use in allocating state supplemental funds to counties and tribal governing bodies providing congregate meals to older persons under 42 USC 3030e and home-delivered meals to home-bound older persons under 42 USC 3030f and 3030g, and state supplemental funds to counties and tribal governing bodies operating non-federally funded senior companion or retired senior volunteer projects authorized by s.46.85, Stats.

HSS 67.02 DEFINITIONS. As used in this chapter: (1) "Department" means the department of health and social services.

- (2) "Income" means total cash receipts before taxes from all sources.
- (3) "Poverty thresholds" means the income levels established by the U.S. bureau of the census, below which individuals and families are considered to be poor in an income sense.
- (4) "Tribal governing body" means an American Indian tribal governing body recognized by the federal government.
- HSS 67.03 LOW-INCOME STANDARD. Low income of persons over age 60 shall be the same as income beneath the poverty thresholds established by the U.S. bureau of the census for persons 65 years of age and over.

Note: The only older age group poverty thresholds are for persons age 65 and over. Although poverty thresholds are updated each year by the U.S. bureau of the census and are published in the current population reports series P-60, the only data available relating poverty thresholds to numbers of elderly by county and Indian tribe is provided by the population census conducted every 10 years by the U.S. bureau of the census. The most recent data available from this source is used to allocate funds under s.46.80(5)(a) and (b), Stats. For CY 1982 the most recent data on numbers of low-income elderly by county or tribe is from the 1970 census. Data for 1980 will not be published by the U.S. bureau of the census until late 1982 or early 1983.

The rules contained in this order shall take effect on the first day of the month following publication in the Wisconsin Administrative Register as provided in s.227.026(1), Stats.

Department of Health and Social Services

Bv:

Donald E. Percy

Secretary

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Mr. Orlan Prestegard Revisor of Statutes 411 West, State Capitol Madison, Wisconsin 53702

Dear Mr. Prestegard:

As provided in section 227.023, Stats., there is hereby submitted a certified copy of HSS 67, administrative rules relating to low income standard for allocating state nutrition and senior volunteer funds.

These rules are being submitted to the Secretary of State as required by section 227.023, Stats.

Sincerely,

Donald E. Percy SECRETARY

Enclosure