

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES**Administration for Children and Families****State Median Income Estimates for Four-Person Families (FY 2001); Notice of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2001 State Median Income Estimates for Use Under the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) Administered by the Administration for Children and Families, Office of Community Services, Division of Energy Assistance**

AGENCY: Office of Community Services, ACF, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice of estimated State median income for FY 2001.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the estimated median income for four-person families in each State and the District of Columbia for FY 2001 (October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001). LIHEAP grantees may adopt the State median income estimates beginning with the date of this publication of the estimates in the **Federal Register** or at a later date as discussed below. This means that LIHEAP grantees could choose to implement this notice during the period between the heating and cooling seasons. However, by October 1, 2000, or by the beginning of a grantee's fiscal year, whichever is later, LIHEAP grantees using State median income estimates must adjust their income eligibility criteria to be in accord with the FY 2001 State median income estimates.

This listing of estimated State median incomes concerns maximum income levels for households to which LIHEAP grantees may make payments under LIHEAP.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The estimates are effective at any time between the date of this publication and October 1, 2000, or by the beginning of a LIHEAP grantee's fiscal year, whichever is later.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the provisions of section 2603(7) of Title XXVI of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (Pub. L. 97-35, as amended), we are announcing the estimated median income of a four-person family for each state, the District of Columbia, and the United States for

FY 2001 (the period of October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001).

Section 2605(b)(2)(B)(ii) of the LIHEAP statute provides that 60 percent of the median income for each state, as annually established by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, is one of the income criteria that LIHEAP grantees may use in determining a household's eligibility for LIHEAP.

LIHEAP is currently authorized through the end of FY 2004 by the Coats Human Services Reauthorization Act of 1998, Pub. L. 105-285, which was enacted on October 27, 1998.

Estimates of the median income of four-person families for each State and the District of Columbia for FY 2001 have been developed by the Bureau of the Census of the U.S. Department of Commerce, using the most recently available income data. In developing the median income estimates for FY 2001, the Bureau of the Census used the following three sources of data: (1) the March 1999 Current Population Survey; (2) the 1990 Decennial Census of Population; and (3) 1998 per capita personal income estimates, by state, from the Bureau of Economic Analysis of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Like the estimates for FY 2000, the FY 2001 estimates include income estimates from the March Current Population Survey that are based on population controls from the 1990 Decennial Census of Population. Income estimates prior to FY 1996 from the March Current Population Survey had been based on population controls from the 1980 Decennial Census of Population. Generally, the use of 1990 population controls results in somewhat lower estimates of income.

For further information on the estimating method and data sources, contact the Housing and Household Economic Statistics Division, at the Bureau of the Census (301-457-3243).

A state-by-state listing of median income, and 60 percent of median income, for a four-person family for FY 2001 follows. The listing describes the method for adjusting median income for families of different sizes as specified in regulations applicable to LIHEAP, at 45 CFR 96.85(b), which was published in the **Federal Register** on March 3, 1988 at 53 FR 6824.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

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Director, Office of Community Services.

ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME FOR 4-PERSON FAMILIES, BY STATE, FISCAL YEAR 2001¹

States	Estimated state median income 4-person families ²	60 percent of estimated state median income 4-person families
Alabama	\$51,156	\$30,694
Alaska	59,726	35,836
Arizona	49,397	29,638
Arkansas	44,471	26,683
California	55,209	33,125
Colorado	63,428	38,057
Connecticut	75,534	45,320
Delaware	65,157	39,094
District of Col.	60,674	36,404
Florida	52,581	31,549
Georgia	55,989	33,593
Hawaii	61,838	37,103
Idaho	49,174	29,504
Illinois	61,672	37,003
Indiana	55,284	33,170
Iowa	53,230	31,938
Kansas	55,341	33,205
Kentucky	49,108	29,465
Louisiana	49,037	29,422
Maine	51,059	30,635
Maryland	71,404	42,842
Massachusetts	68,958	41,375
Michigan	59,019	35,411
Minnesota	67,140	40,284
Mississippi	43,907	26,344
Missouri	54,190	32,514
Montana	44,737	26,842
Nebraska	56,692	34,015
Nevada	53,054	31,832
New Hampshire	61,014	36,608
New Jersey	70,983	42,590
New Mexico	43,829	26,297
New York	57,142	34,285
North Carolina	54,331	32,599
North Dakota	51,002	30,601
Ohio	60,169	36,101
Oklahoma	47,436	28,462
Oregon	55,892	33,535
Pennsylvania	58,507	35,104
Rhode Island	62,339	37,403
South Carolina	52,111	31,267
South Dakota	49,702	29,821
Tennessee	50,310	30,186
Texas	51,148	30,689
Utah	54,946	32,968
Vermont	53,691	32,215
Virginia	60,860	36,516
Washington	61,059	36,635
West Virginia	43,239	25,943
Wisconsin	57,890	34,734

**ESTIMATED STATE MEDIAN INCOME
FOR 4-PERSON FAMILIES, BY STATE,
FISCAL YEAR 2001 ¹—Continued**

States	Estimated state median income 4- person families ²	60 per- cent of estimated state median income 4- person families
Wyoming	50,989	30,593

¹ In accordance with 45 CFR 96.85, each State's estimated median income for a 4-person family is multiplied by the following percentages to adjust for family size: 52% for one person, 68% for two persons, 84% for three persons, 100% for four persons, 116% for five persons, and 132% for six persons. For family sizes greater than six persons, add 3% for each additional family member and multiply the new percentage by the State's estimated median income for a 4-person family.

² Prepared by the Bureau of the Census from the March 1999 Current Population Survey, 1990 Decennial Census of Population and Housing, and 1998 per capita personal income estimates, by state, from the Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Note—FY 2001 covers the period of October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001. The estimated median income for 4-person families living in the United States is \$56,061 for FY 2001. The estimates are effective for the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) at any time between the date of this publication and October 1, 2000, or by the beginning of a LIHEAP grantee's fiscal year, whichever is later.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
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Food and Drug Administration

[Docket No. 00D-0835]

**Draft Guidance for Industry on
Conjugated Estrogens, USP: LC-MS
Method for Both Qualitative Chemical
Characterization and Documentation of
Qualitative Pharmaceutical
Equivalence; Availability**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Conjugated Estrogens, USP: LC-MS Method for Both Qualitative Chemical Characterization and Documentation of Qualitative Pharmaceutical Equivalence." This draft guidance is intended to provide recommendations to applicants who wish to submit a new drug application or abbreviated new drug application for

a natural source conjugated estrogens solid oral dosage form. This guidance provides a description of the liquid chromatography-mass spectrometry (LC-MS) method that can be used to address both qualitative chemical characterization and qualitative pharmaceutical equivalence (PE).

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft guidance by June 8, 2000. General comments on agency guidance documents are welcome at any time.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this draft guidance for industry are available on the Internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/index.htm>. Submit written requests for single copies of the draft guidance to the Drug Information Branch (HFD-210), Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857. Send one self-addressed adhesive label to assist that office in processing your requests. Submit written comments on the draft guidance to the Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305), Food and Drug Administration, 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1061, Rockville, MD 20852.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wallace P. Adams, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research (HFD-350), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857, 301-594-5651.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FDA is announcing the availability of a draft guidance for industry entitled "Conjugated Estrogens, USP: LC-MS Method for Both Qualitative Chemical Characterization and Documentation of Qualitative Pharmaceutical Equivalence." Chemical characterization and PE of natural source conjugated estrogens involve both qualitative and quantitative aspects. Qualitative aspects of both chemical characterization and PE involve detection and measurement of certain of the components in conjugated estrogens. The recommended methodology, LC-MS, is applicable to both the drug substance and/or solid oral dosage forms. This draft guidance provides a description of the LC-MS method developed by the Division of Testing and Applied Analytical Development/Office of Pharmaceutical Science/Center for Drug Evaluation and Research for both the qualitative chemical characterization and documentation of qualitative PE of natural source conjugated estrogens. Interpretation of the data for PE is beyond the scope of this guidance and will be addressed in a separate document. Quantitative aspects of chemical characterization and PE use

the gas chromatography (GC) (flame-ionization detector) and high-pressure liquid chromatography (HPLC) (ultraviolet detector) assays described in a draft proposed Conjugated Estrogens, USP, monograph (<http://www.fda.gov/cder/drug/monographs/default.htm>), and they are not the subject of this guidance.

This Level 1 draft guidance is being issued consistent with FDA's good guidance practices (62 FR 8961, February 27, 1997). The draft guidance represents the agency's current thinking on this LC-MS method for both qualitative chemical characterization and documentation of qualitative pharmaceutical equivalence of conjugated estrogens, USP. It does not create or confer any rights for or on any person and does not operate to bind FDA or the public. An alternative approach may be used if such approach satisfies the requirements of the applicable statutes, regulations, or both.

Interested persons may submit to the Dockets Management Branch (address above) written comments on the draft guidance. Two copies of any comments are to be submitted, except that individuals may submit one copy. Comments are to be identified with the docket number found in brackets in the heading of this document. The draft guidance and received comments are available for public examination in the Dockets Management Branch between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Dated: March 1, 2000.

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**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND
HUMAN SERVICES**

Health Care Financing Administration

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**Agency Information Collection
Activities: Proposed Collection;
Comment Request**

AGENCY: Health Care Financing Administration, HHS.

In compliance with the requirement of section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA), Department of Health and Human Services, is publishing the following summary of proposed collections for public comment. Interested persons are invited to send