

Chapter HSS 67

**LOW-INCOME STANDARD FOR ALLOCATING STATE  
NUTRITION AND SENIOR VOLUNTEER FUNDS**

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Note: Chapter HSS 67 was created as an emergency rule effective January 1, 1982.

**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.

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**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.

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**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 the 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 Data for 1980 will not be published by the U.S. bureau of the census until late 1982 or early 1983.

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