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MEMORANDUM

TO: Judges, Commissioners, Trial Court Executives, Clerks of Court

FROM: Legal Department

RE: 2021 Poverty Income Guidelines

The Indigent Defense Act is codified at Title 78B, Chapter 22 of the Utah Code. Utah Code Section 78B-22-102 defines “indigent individual.” Section 78B-22-202 contains factors a court may consider in determining if an individual is indigent for the purpose of appointing counsel, one of which is “an income level at or below 150% of the United States poverty level as defined by the most recently revised poverty income guidelines published by the United States Department of Health and Human Services.” The following table has been generated from the HHS poverty guidelines published in the Federal Register on January 18, 2021.

Number of family members	150 % of poverty income guidelines	
1	\$ 19,320.00 /annual	\$ 9.29 /hour
2	\$ 26,130.00 /annual	\$ 12.56 /hour
3	\$ 32,940.00 /annual	\$ 15.84 /hour
4	\$ 39,750.00 /annual	\$ 19.11 /hour
5	\$ 46,560.00 /annual	\$ 22.38 /hour
6	\$ 53,370.00 /annual	\$ 25.66 /hour
7	\$ 60,180.00 /annual	\$ 28.93 /hour
8	\$ 66,900.00 /annual	\$ 32.16 /hour
For each additional family member, add	\$ 6,810.00 /annual	\$ 3.27 /hour

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