

## Income Guidelines and Exceptions

The following maximum income levels, based on 125% of the latest revisions of the Federal Poverty Guidelines determined by the Department of Health and Human Services and approved by Chief Justice Directive 98-01, Attachment A, are used to determine client eligibility effective February 2020. The guidelines are based on gross income. You must go through an eligibility review process before reduced fees for mediation will be approved and provide a copy of the approval to the contract mediator if your application is approved. If you are represented by a private attorney (not Colorado Legal Services or an attorney who is providing fee services), you will not likely be approved for reduced fees.

INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (amended January 2020)						
Family Size	Poverty Guideline	Monthly Poverty Level	Monthly Income*	Monthly Income plus 25%	Yearly Income*	Yearly Income plus 25%
1	\$ 12,760	\$ 1,063	\$ 1,329	\$ 1,661	\$ 15,950	\$ 19,938
2	\$ 17,240	\$ 1,437	\$ 1,796	\$ 2,245	\$ 21,550	\$ 26,938
3	\$ 21,720	\$ 1,810	\$ 2,263	\$ 2,828	\$ 27,150	\$ 33,938
4	\$ 26,200	\$ 2,183	\$ 2,729	\$ 3,411	\$ 32,750	\$ 40,938
5	\$ 30,680	\$ 2,557	\$ 3,196	\$ 3,995	\$ 38,350	\$ 47,938
6	\$ 35,160	\$ 2,930	\$ 3,663	\$ 4,578	\$ 43,950	\$ 54,938
7	\$ 39,640	\$ 3,303	\$ 4,129	\$ 5,161	\$ 49,550	\$ 61,938
8	\$ 44,120	\$ 3,677	\$ 4,596	\$ 5,745	\$ 55,150	\$ 68,938

\* 125% of poverty level as determined by the Department of Health and Human Services.

\*For family units with more than eight members, add \$4,480 per year to "yearly income" for each additional family member.

Source: Federal Register (85 FR 3060, 01/15/2020)

Depending on certain factors, CLS may be able to help a person whose income is higher than the income guidelines above. For example, exceptions may be made for disabled, non-domiciled, or incarcerated individuals.