

2015 Guidelines for Financial Assistance

- Clients who **file income taxes** must submit a copy of their current federal tax return (Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ). Clients who also receive Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability Income or Supplemental Security Income must provide this documentation if it is not stated on the tax return. Spouses' social security income documentation must also be provided. Examples of social security documentation include:
 - Social Security determination letters
 - Copies of Social Security checks
 - 1099 forms
 - Bank statements indicating a social security deposit
- Clients who **do not file income taxes** are required to provide proof of household income. Proof of current household income must be provided for both clients and spouses. Examples of proof of household income are:
 - Social Security determination letters
 - Copies of Social Security checks
 - 1099 forms (miscellaneous income)
 - Bank statements indicating a social security deposit
 - Food stamp budget slip or Louisiana Purchase card
 - Medicaid card or proof of free care
- If clients are not eligible for services based on their total reported household income for the indicated year, but their household income has recently changed because they are no longer working or are on unpaid leave, the same documentation (tax return, etc.) is required. In addition the following documentation is required:
 - A statement of change indicating how the household income has changed
 - Documentation of the stated change – examples include:
 - employee termination letter
 - final check stub indicating termination date

2015 financial eligibility is based on the following guidelines:

Household income –acceptable from January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

Family Size	Guideline
1	\$29,175
2	\$39,325
3	\$49,475
4	\$59,625
5	\$69,775
6	\$79,925
7	\$90,075
8	\$100,255

It is Cancer Services' intent to use this information solely to determine eligibility for services.
Copies of tax returns and other documents are scanned and immediately shredded.