

Insure Oklahoma Agent Blast

Federal Poverty Levels (FPL)

We have received a number of questions recently about the Federal Poverty Levels (FPL), which are normally updated during January each year. States and others have been asking when information on the FPLs for 2010 will be available.

Section 1012 of the Department of Defense Appropriations Act of 2010, provides the following:

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Secretary of Health and Human Services shall not publish updated poverty guidelines for 2010 under section 673(2) of the Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981 (42 U.S.C. 9902(2)) before March 1, 2010, and the poverty guidelines published under such section on January 23, 2009, shall remain in effect until updated poverty guidelines are published.

In other words, the 2009 FPLs will remain in effect at least until March 31, 2010. The expectation is that by that date, Congress will have come up with a longer range, or even permanent, solution to the problem.

OESC-Oklahoma Employee Security Commission Reporting Rules

Business Types & Documentation Required for Insure Oklahoma

Business must be in compliance with the OESC to receive approval.

- They must have 99 or fewer employees.
- They must be paid to date with the OESC.
- They must have at least one quarter filed with the OESC.
- If they are a new business and do not have an OESC account or do not have at least one quarter filed, they are not compliant.

NOTE: If a small business doesn't file with OESC and a former worker files a claim – the business will get a wage objection audit which is performed by OESC. If the business is found to be not in compliance, OESC will allow the unemployment claim and collect from the business the back taxes owed along with penalties and interest. Please access the link provided for the list [OESC Reporting Rules](#).



FORMS

If you use the same forms for enrolling your groups, it is always good to check on-line for the newest forms. **Insure Oklahoma has 30 days to process ALL documents.**

Complete list of employer forms:

- [Agent of Record Form](#)
- [Electronic Funds Transfer \(EFT\) Form](#)
- [Employer Application](#)
- [Employer Attestation-Employee Citizenship Form](#)
- [Employer Change Form](#)
- [Employer Contract](#)
- [FAX Cover Sheet](#)
- [Open Records Request Form](#)
- [Staff Listing Form](#)

Continuing Education (CE) Course

We have not had a demand to hold a 3 hour CE course. There must be a total of 12+ attendees in order for us to hold a CE course. There is no cost for the course. Any agent can write Insure Oklahoma/O-EPIC policies; however, a combination can guarantee you the **10 points** needed to become a Qualified Agent. As a Qualified Agent, **your name will appear on the Insure Oklahoma/O-EPIC website** allowing businesses that do not have an agent a way to contact you. You may earn 3 points for Continuing Education Course. Please let us know if you are interested in us scheduling a 3 hour CE course. You may also access the link to view other ways to earn your points. [Agent Qualification](#)

