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**Inflation Rate Multiplier**  
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**TO: Assessors and Equalization Directors**

**FROM: State Tax Commission**

**RE: Inflation Rate Multiplier for use in the 2019 capped value formula and the “Headlee” Millage Reduction Fraction (MRF) formula**

**Note:** The Calculation of the Inflation Rate Multiplier is set in statute. MCL 211.34d states:  
(l) "Inflation rate" means the ratio of the general price level for the state fiscal year ending in the calendar year immediately preceding the current year divided by the general price level for the state fiscal year ending in the calendar year before the year immediately preceding the current year.  
(f) "General price level" means the annual average of the 12 monthly values for the United States consumer price index for all urban consumers as defined and officially reported by the United States department of labor, bureau of labor statistics.

Based on this statutory requirement, the calculation for 2019 is as follows:

1. The 12 monthly values for October 2016 through September 2017 are averaged.
2. The 12 monthly values for October 2017 through September 2018 are averaged.
3. The ratio is calculated by dividing the average of column 2 by the average of column 1.

The specific numbers from the US Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics are as follows:

|                |                |                |                |
|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Oct-16         | 241.729        | Oct-17         | 246.663        |
| Nov-16         | 241.353        | Nov-17         | 246.669        |
| Dec-16         | 241.432        | Dec-17         | 246.524        |
| Jan-17         | 242.839        | Jan-18         | 247.867        |
| Feb-17         | 243.603        | Feb-18         | 248.991        |
| Mar-17         | 243.801        | Mar-18         | 249.554        |
| Apr-17         | 244.524        | Apr-18         | 250.546        |
| May-17         | 244.733        | May-18         | 251.588        |
| Jun-17         | 244.955        | Jun-18         | 251.989        |
| Jul-17         | 244.786        | Jul-18         | 252.006        |
| Aug-17         | 245.519        | Aug-18         | 252.146        |
| Sep-17         | <u>246.819</u> | Sep-18         | <u>252.439</u> |
| <b>Average</b> | <b>243.841</b> | <b>Average</b> | <b>249.749</b> |
|                |                | Ratio          | <b>1.024</b>   |
|                |                | % Change       | <b>2.4%</b>    |

**Local units cannot develop or adopt or use an inflation rate multiplier other than 1.024 in 2019. It is not acceptable for local units to indicate to taxpayers that you do not know how the multiplier is developed.**

➤ **Inflation Rate Multiplier Used in the 2019 Capped Value Formula**

The inflation rate, expressed as a multiplier, to be used in the 2019 Capped Value Formula is 1.024.

The 2019 Capped Value Formula is as follows:

$$\mathbf{2019\ CAPPED\ VALUE = (2018\ Taxable\ Value - LOSSES) \times 1.024 + ADDITIONS}$$

The formula above does not include 1.05 because the inflation rate multiplier of 1.024 is lower than 1.05.

➤ **Inflation Rate Multiplier Used in 2019 “Headlee” Calculations**

The inflation rate multiplier of 1.024 shall ALSO be used in the calculation of the 2019 “Headlee” Millage Reduction Fraction required by Michigan Compiled Law (MCL) 211.34d. The formula for calculating the 2019 “Headlee” Millage Reduction Fraction (MRF) is as follows:

$$\mathbf{2019\ MRF = \frac{(2018\ Taxable\ Value - LOSSES) \times 1.024}{2019\ Taxable\ Value - ADDITIONS}}$$

- The following is a listing of the inflation rate multipliers used in the Capped Value and "Headlee" calculations since the start of Proposal A:

|      |       |
|------|-------|
| 1995 | 1.026 |
| 1996 | 1.028 |
| 1997 | 1.028 |
| 1998 | 1.027 |
| 1999 | 1.016 |
| 2000 | 1.019 |
| 2001 | 1.032 |
| 2002 | 1.032 |
| 2003 | 1.015 |
| 2004 | 1.023 |
| 2005 | 1.023 |
| 2006 | 1.033 |
| 2007 | 1.037 |
| 2008 | 1.023 |
| 2009 | 1.044 |
| 2010 | 0.997 |
| 2011 | 1.017 |
| 2012 | 1.027 |
| 2013 | 1.024 |
| 2014 | 1.016 |
| 2015 | 1.016 |
| 2016 | 1.003 |
| 2017 | 1.009 |
| 2018 | 1.021 |
| 2019 | 1.024 |