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This GIS advises local districts of the revision of the Earned Income Disregard (EID) to 57%, effective June 1, 2007.

Effective June 1, 2007, the EID changed from 55% to 57% of earned income. The poverty levels used to calculate the EID reflect those published in the Federal Register effective January 2007. As required by Social Services Law Section 366(1)(a)(8), Medicaid uses the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) standards as they existed on November 1, 1997. Medicaid uses the November 1, 1997 shelter allowances in determining the TANF standard.

The EID for TANF recipients is a different percentage because Temporary Assistance (TA) uses different shelter standards.

MBL transmittal 07-2 Upstate and SA 07-27 in New York City informed upstate districts and HRA that budgets with effective From-Dates of June 1, 2007 or later will use the EID of 57%. This change was available on production March 12, 2007 upstate and in New York City. Budgets with effective From-Dates prior to June 1, 2007, will continue to use 55%.