

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: 2023 Medicaid Levels and Other Updates

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to advise local departments of social services (LDSS) of the income levels and figures used to determine Medicaid eligibility, effective January 1, 2023.

Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency (PHE), Phase 1 of Mass Re-Budgeting (MRB), including the systematic update of the 8.7 percent (%) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), was not run. Districts will be informed of any updates regarding MRB. During the PHE, individuals with Medicaid coverage will be held harmless by maintaining their current budgets pending any other direction to districts from the Department. The Medicaid Budget Logic (MBL) has been updated with the 2023 Medically Needy income levels. This ensures the revised income levels are available in MBL for applications, and redeterminations. The methodology for determining the Medically Needy income level has changed to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level. This change is described in GIS 22 MA/11 "Increase of Medical Medically Needy Income Level to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level and Related Medically Needy and MBI-WPD Resource Level Changes." As instructed in GIS 22 MA/11, districts must recalculate income eligibility based on the new levels and current income information when contacted by the consumer, or at next renewal.

The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$164.90 for 2023, a decrease of \$5.20 from \$170.10 in 2022. Most Medicare beneficiaries will pay this amount. Less than 1% of Medicare beneficiaries will pay less than the full Part B standard monthly premium amount in 2022. Due to the SSA 8.7% COLA, some beneficiaries who were held harmless against Part B premium increases in 2022 will pay the full monthly premium of \$164.90 in 2023. This is because the increase in their Social Security benefits will be greater than or equal to the increase in their Part B premium.

The "hold harmless" provision does not apply to beneficiaries who:

- do not receive Social Security benefits;
- are directly billed for their Part B premium;
- are new Medicare Part B beneficiaries;
- have Medicare and Medicaid, and Medicaid pays the premiums; and
- pay an Income-Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA).

Note: Budgets with a “From” date of January 1, 2023, or later, that utilize a Federal Poverty Level (FPL), must be calculated with the 2022 Social Security benefit amount and Medicare Part B premium amount until the 2023 FPLs are available on MBL. Upstate districts and New York City’s Human Resources Administration (HRA) are instructed not to update Social Security benefit amounts and Medicare Part B premium amounts for budgets that utilize an FPL until further notice.

For purposes of redetermining income eligibility as provided for in GIS 22 MA/11, districts must use the current income information that is reported by the consumer.

The following figures are effective January 1, 2023.

Medically Needy Income and Resources Levels are in effect until the FPLs for 2023 are published in the Federal Register.

1.

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	MEDICALLY NEEDY INCOME LEVEL		RESOURCES
	ANNUAL	MONTHLY	
ONE	18,755	1,563	28,133
TWO	25,268	2,106	37,902
THREE	31,782	2,649	
FOUR	38,295	3,192	
FIVE	44,809	3,735	
SIX	51,323	4,277	
SEVEN	57,836	4,820	
EIGHT	64,350	5,363	
NINE	70,863	5,906	
TEN	77,377	6,449	
EACH ADD’L PERSON	6,514	543	

2. The Supplemental Security Income federal benefit rate (FBR) for an individual living alone is \$914.00/single and \$1,371.00/couple.
3. The allocation amount is \$543.00, the difference between the Medicaid income level for a household of two and one.
4. The 249e factors are .974 and .128.
5. The SSI resource levels remain \$2,000.00 for individuals and \$3,000.00 for couples.
6. The State Supplement is \$87.00 for an individual and \$104.00 for a couple living alone.
7. If an individual paid Medicare taxes for less than 30 quarters, the individual’s cost for Medicare Part A is \$506. If an individual paid Medicare taxes for 30-39 quarters, the standard Part A premium is \$278.00. For individuals who paid Medicare taxes for 40 quarters or more, there is no cost for Medicare Part A.
8. The standard Medicare Part B monthly premium for beneficiaries with annual income less than or equal to \$97,000.00 is \$164.90.
9. The Maximum federal Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$148,620.00.
10. The Minimum State Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$74,820.00
11. The community spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) is \$3,715.50.
12. Maximum Family Member Allowance remains \$763.00 until the FPLs for 2023 are

- published in the Federal Register.
13. Family Member Allowance formula number remains \$2,289.00 until the FPLs for 2023 are published in the Federal Register.
 14. Personal Needs Allowance for certain waiver participants subject to spousal impoverishment budgeting is \$543.00.
 15. Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) is: Non-Blind \$1,470.00/month, Blind \$2,460.00/month and Trial Work Period (TWP) \$1,050.00/month.
 16. SSI-related student earned income disregard limit of \$2,220.00/monthly up to a maximum of \$8,950.00/annually.
 17. The home equity limit for Medicaid coverage of nursing facility services and community-based long-term care is \$1,033,000.00
 18. The special income standard for housing expenses that is available to certain individuals who enroll in the Managed Long-Term Care program (See 12 OHIP/ADM-5 for further information) vary by region. For 2023, the amounts are: Northeastern \$425.00 (a decrease from the 2022 figure); Central \$358.00 (a decrease from the 2022 figure); Rochester \$367.00 (a decrease from the 2022 figure); Western \$301.00 (a decrease from the 2022 figure); Northern Metropolitan \$1,031.00 (a decrease from the 2022 figure); Long Island \$1,445.00; and New York City \$1,701.00.

Please direct any questions to the Local District Support Unit at 518-474-8887 for Upstate and 212-417-4500 for NYC.