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**TO:** Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

**FROM:** Ann Clemency Kohler, Director, Office of Medicaid Management

**SUBJECT:** MA-Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1997

**CONTACT PERSON:** Sharon Burgess or Priscilla Smith, 1-800-343-8859, ext.  
3-5531 or 3-5532

Due to a 2.9% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 1997, several figures used in determining MA eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 1997, MA eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. MA income level for 1 is \$575/month or \$6,900/year.
2. MA income level for 2 is \$834/month or \$10,000/year.
3. MA income level for 3 is \$842/month or \$10,100/year.
4. MA resource levels increase to \$3,450, 5,000, and 5,050 for households of 1, 2, and 3, respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 1996.
5. The FBR for an individual is \$484/single and \$726/couple.
6. The allocation amount is \$259.
7. The 249e factors are .952 and .242.
8. The SSI resource levels remain \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples.
9. The state supplement is the same as in 1996.
10. The Medicare Part B premium is \$43.80. We will advise you of the new poverty levels as soon as such figures are available.
11. Maximum Community Spouse resource allowance is \$79,020.
12. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$1,976.

MBL will be programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 1997 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of November 30 - December 1, 1996. This change will be available on Production, Monday, December 2, 1996.

MBL for NYC will mass rebudget cases the weekend of December 7 - 8, 1996. This change will be available on Production, Monday, December 9, 1996. An ADM reflecting these changes will be released in the near future.

**NOTE:** Districts should use the appropriate MA or PA level, whichever is higher.

Please direct any questions to Sharon Burgess or Priscilla Smith at 1-800-343-8859, extension 3-5531 or 3-5532, respectively. In NYC, direct questions to 212-383-2512.