

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

FROM: Ann Clemency Kohler, Deputy Commissioner
Office of Medicaid Management

SUBJECT: Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1999

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Due to a 1.3% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 1999, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 1999, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$592/month or \$7,100/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$859/month or \$10,300/year.
3. Medicaid income level for 3 is \$867/month or 10,400/year.
4. Medicaid income level for 4 is \$875/month or \$10,500/year.
5. Medicaid resource levels increase to \$3,550, \$5,150, \$5,200 and \$5,250 for households 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 1998.
6. The FBR for an individual is \$500/single and \$751/couple.
7. The allocation amount is \$267.
8. The 249e factors are .953 (no change) and .234.
9. The SSI resource levels remain \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples.
10. The state supplement is \$87 for an individual and \$104 for a couple.
11. The Medicare Part B premium is \$45.50.
12. Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$81,960.
13. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,049.
14. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$461/month.
15. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 98-7 for 1999 Federal Poverty Levels.

MBL will be programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 1999 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of November 28, 1998. These changes will be available on production November 30, 1998.

MBL for NYC will mass rebudget cases the weekend of December 5, 1998. These changes will be available on production December 7, 1998.

An ADM reflecting these changes will be released in the near future. Please direct any questions to Priscilla Smith at 518-473-5532. In NYC direct questions to 212-613-4330.