

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

FROM: Betty Rice, Director
Division of Consumer and Local District Relations

SUBJECT: Increased Earned Income Disregard from 45% to 46% and Revised
100% Federal Poverty Level Test

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 1999

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This is to inform social services districts that effective June 1, 1999 the Earned Income Disregard (EID) used to determine eligibility under Medicaid for Low Income Families (LIF) changed from 45% to 46%. Pursuant to MBL Transmittal 99-2 issued April 14, 1999, this change was supported by MBL on April 17, 1999 for new applications and recertifications with an effective From Date of June 1, 1999 or later. A report of affected cases has been run by the Department. For Upstate, district specific lists will be distributed to districts that may have affected cases along with processing instructions in a MBL transmittal. For New York City, separate processing instructions will be issued with the list of affected cases.

In addition, the poverty line for the 100% Poverty Level Test applicable in the LIF budgeting methodology has been revised to use the 1999 federal poverty line. The poverty line used for the 100% test is the same as that used for expanded eligibility budgeting.

If you have any questions regarding the EID or the 100% Poverty Level Test, please contact Priscilla Smith at 518-473-5532.