

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: 2002 Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002

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Due to a 2.6% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 2002, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 2002, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$634/month or \$7,600/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$925/month or \$11,100/year.
3. Medicaid income level for 3 is \$934/month or \$11,200/year.
4. Medicaid income level for 4 is \$942/month or \$11,300/year.
5. Medicaid resource levels increase to \$3800, \$5,550, \$5,600 and \$5,650 for households 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 2001.
6. The FBR for an individual is \$545/single and \$817/couple.
7. The allocation amount is \$291.
8. The 249e factors are .957 and .215.
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 A premium is \$319.
12. The Medicare Part B premium increases to \$54.00.
13. Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$89,280.
14. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,232.
15. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$500/month.
16. Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): Non-Blind \$780/month, Blind \$1,300/month, Trial Work Period (TWP) \$560/month.
17. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 01-5 for 2002 Federal Poverty Levels.
18. We have been informally notified the monthly QI-2 payment will be \$3.91. If this amount changes you will be informed.

MBL will be programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 2002 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of November 24, 2001. These changes will be available on production November 26, 2001.

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NYC mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of December 15-16, 2001. These changes will be available on production December 17, 2001.

Please direct any questions to the Local District Liaison Unit at 518-474-8216 Upstate and 212-268-6855 for NYC.