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TO: Commissioners of Social Services, MA Directors

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

SUBJECT: Poverty Levels and Family Member Allowance

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1997

CONTACT PERSON: Priscilla Smith or Elsie Kirk, 473-5532 and 473-5509
respectively

THIS IS TO INFORM SOCIAL SERVICES DISTRICTS OF INCREASES TO VARIOUS INCOME LEVELS USED IN DETERMINING MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY. THESE NEW LEVELS ARE A RESULT OF THE ANNUAL UPDATE TO THE FEDERAL POVERTY INCOME GUIDELINE. SEE THE ATTACHED CHART FOR THE NEW POVERTY LEVELS. THESE LEVELS APPLY FOR ALL NEW APPLICATIONS & RECERTIFICATIONS ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 1997.

UPSTATE

THE MA INCOME, RESOURCE AND FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS WERE AVAILABLE ON MBL 12/2/96 UPSTATE FOR APPLICABLE BUDGETS WITH AN EFFECTIVE FROM DATE OF 1/1/97 OR LATER. DISTRICTS SHOULD REFER TO MBL TRANSMITTALS 96-1 AND 96-2 FOR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS. A LIST OF CASES AFFECTED BY UPDATED FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS WAS PROVIDED TO DISTRICTS ALONG WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO PROCESS THESE CASES.

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INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE PROVIDED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

FAMILY MEMBER ALLOWANCE

EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 1997, THE FAMILY MEMBER ALLOWANCE WILL BE CALCULATED BY SUBTRACTING THE AMOUNT OF THE FAMILY MEMBER'S OTHERWISE AVAILABLE INCOME FROM \$1,327, DIVIDING THE RESULT BY THREE, AND ROUNDING UP TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR. THE MAXIMUM FAMILY MEMBER ALLOWANCE (WHERE THE FAMILY MEMBER'S OTHERWISE AVAILABLE INCOME IS ZERO) IS:

$$\frac{\$1,327}{3} = \$443$$

AN ADM IS FORTHCOMING. ANY QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO PRISCILLA SMITH AT 1-800-343-8859, EXTENSION 3-5532, OR ELSIE KIRK AT EXTENSION 3-5509, OR YOUR NEW YORK CITY REPRESENTATIVE AT (212) 383-2512.

ATTACHMENT I

Medical Assistance Only, (Annual and **Monthly**) Income and Resource Standards
and Federal Poverty Lines Effective January 1, 1997

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	EACH ADD'L PERSON
MA INCOME	6900 575	10000 834	10100 842	10200 850	11900 992	13600 1134	15300 1275	17000 1417	+1700 + 142
100% FPL	7890 658	10610 885	13330 1111	16050 1338	18770 1565	21490 1791	24210 2018	26930 2245	+2720 + 227
120% FPL	9468 789	12732 1061							
133% FPL	10494 875	14112 1176	17729 1478	21347 1779	24965 2081	28582 2382	32200 2684	35817 2985	+3618 + 302
185% FPL	14597 1217	19629 1636	24661 2056	29693 2475	34725 2894	39757 3314	44789 3733	49821 4152	+5032 + 420
200% FPL	15780 1315	21220 1769							
RESOURCES (ASSETS)	3450	5000	5050	5100	5950	6800	7650	8500	+ 850