

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: 2004 Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004

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Due to a 2.1% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 2004, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 2004, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$659/month or \$7,900/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$950/month or \$11,400/year.
3. Medicaid income level for 3 is \$959/month or \$11,500/year.
4. Medicaid income level for 4 is \$967/month or \$11,600/year.
5. Medicaid resource levels increase to \$3,950, \$5,700, \$5,750 and \$5,800 for households 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 2003.
6. The FBR for an individual is \$564/single and \$846/couple.
7. The allocation amount is \$291.
8. The 249e factors are .958 and .208. The .958 calculation remained the same as in 2003.
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 \$343.
12. The Medicare Part B premium increases to \$66.60.
13. Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$92,760.
14. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,319.
15. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$521/month.
16. Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): Non-Blind \$810/month, Blind \$1,350/month, Trial Work Period (TWP) \$580/month.
17. SSI-related student earned income disregard limit of \$1,370 monthly up to a maximum of \$5,520 annually.
18. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 03-4 for 2004 federal poverty levels and SSI Benefit Levels.

A chart with the new Medicaid levels and the estimated federal poverty levels is attached.

MBL was programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 2004 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting occurred the weekend of November 29-30, 2003. These changes were available on production December 1, 2003.

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The New York City mass rebudgeting date will be forthcoming.

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

Medicaid-Only, Annual and (**Monthly**) Income and Resource
Standards and Federal Poverty Lines Effective January 2004

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	EACH ADDITIONAL PERSON
MA INCOME	7900 659	11400 950	11500 959	11600 967	11900 992	13600 1134	15300 1275	17000 1417	1700 142
100% FPL	9310 776	12490 1041	15670 1306	18850 1571	22030 1836	25210 2101	28390 2366	31570 2631	3180 265
120% FPL	11172 931	14988 1249							3816 318
133% FPL	12383 1032	16612 1385	20842 1737	25071 2090	29300 2442	33530 2795	37759 3147	41989 3500	4230 353
135% FPL	12569 1048	16862 1406							4293 358
150% FPL	13965 1164	18735 1562	23505 1959	28275 2357	33045 2754	37815 3152	42585 3549	47355 3947	4770 398
185% FPL	17224 1436	23107 1926	28990 2416	34873 2907	40756 3397	46639 3887	52522 4377	58405 4868	5883 491
200% FPL	18620 1552	24980 2082	31340 2612	37700 3142	44060 3672	50420 4202	56780 4732	63140 5262	6360 530
250% FPL	23275 1940	31225 2603	39175 3265	47125 3928	55075 4590	63025 5253	70975 5915	78925 6578	7950 663
RESOURCES (ASSETS)	3950	5700	5750	5800	5950	6800	7650	8500	850