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TO: Local District Commissioners, MA Directors

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

SUBJECT: Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 1998

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Due to a 2.1% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 1998, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 1998, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$584/month or \$7000/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$850/month or \$10,200/year.
3. Medicaid income level for 3 is \$859/month or \$10,300/year.
4. Medicaid income level for 4 is \$867/month or 10,400/year.
5. Medicaid resource levels increase to \$3,500, \$5,100, \$5,150 and \$5,200 for households of 1, 2, 3 and 4 respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 1997.
5. The FBR for an individual is \$494/single and \$741/couple.
6. The allocation amount is \$266.
7. The 249e factors are .953 and .237.
8. The SSI resource levels remain \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples.
9. The State supplement is the same as in 1997.
10. The Medicare Part B premium remains the same as 1997 at \$43.80.
11. Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$80,760.
12. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,019.
13. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$457/month.
14. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 97-2 (November 14, 1997) for 1998 Federal Poverty Levels.

MBL will be programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 1998 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of November 29, 1997. This change will be available on production December 1, 1997.

MBL for NYC will mass rebudget cases the weekend of December 6, 1997. This change will be available on Production December 8, 1997.

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.