

**TO:** Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

**FROM:** Kathryn Kuhmerker, Deputy Commissioner  
Office of Medicaid Management

**SUBJECT:** Revised Federal Poverty Levels for January 1, 2002

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2002

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This is to inform social services districts of revised federal poverty levels effective immediately. The estimated federal poverty levels sent to you in 2001 were effective January 1, 2002 pending the actual poverty levels to be published in the Federal Register in 2002. The Department implements the estimated levels to ensure more stable periods of eligibility. However, the actual annual federal poverty line is \$50 lower (\$4.00 monthly) than the estimated poverty line. The actual poverty levels are effective for all new applications and recertifications retroactive to January 1, 2002.

For all new applications, the income must be compared to the revised federal poverty levels. A chart with the new poverty levels is attached to this GIS. This chart should be given to every eligibility worker. New applications which have income above the applicable poverty level may, consistent with case processing timeframes, be held until the revised poverty levels are available on MBL, with an effective From Date of January 1. You will be notified via a MBL Transmittal when the levels will be available on MBL Production Upstate.

Undercare cases do not need to be rebudgeted using the new poverty levels until next recertification or next client contact. At recertification, a small number of cases with income slightly below the estimated poverty line may lose full Medical Assistance eligibility. Those individuals whose eligibility may be affected are:

Children under 19	Qualified Individuals QI-1 and QI-2
Pregnant Women	Infants
Qualified COBRA	Persons eligible for AIDS Health Insurance Program
Continuation Beneficiaries	
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries	Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals
Specified Low Income Beneficiaries	

Social services districts should revise the "Notice to Potential Qualifying COBRA Continuation Beneficiaries" for one and two person households to reflect the January 1, 2002 change in the federal poverty level to \$739 for an individual and \$995 for a couple. For other notices, usual procedures apply.

In calculating the family member allowance, social services districts must use \$1,493 (150% of the federal poverty level for a family of two, divided by twelve) instead of \$1,499. If the family member has no otherwise available income, the family member allowance is \$498.

Please direct any questions to your local district liaison.

ATTACHMENT I

Medical Assistance-Only, (Annual and Monthly) Income and Resource Standards  
and Federal Poverty Lines Effective January 1, 2002

Household Size	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	EACH ADD'L PERSON
MA INCOME	7,600 634	11,100 925	11,200 934	11,300 942	11,900 992	13,600 1,134	15,300 1,275	17,000 1,417	+1,700 +142
100% FPL	8,860 739	11,940 995	15,020 1,252	18,100 1,509	21,180 1,765	24,260 2,022	27,340 2,279	30,420 2,535	+3,080 +257
120% FPL	10,632 886	14,328 1,194							
133% FPL	11,784 982	15,881 1,324	19,977 1,665	24,073 2,007	28,170 2,348	32,266 2,689	36,363 3,031	40,459 3,372	+4097 +342
135% FPL	11,961 997	16,119 1,344							
175% FPL	15,505 1,293	20,895 1,742							
185% FPL	16,391 1,366	22,089 1,841	27,787 2,316	33,485 2,791	39,183 3,266	44,881 3,741	50,579 4,215	56,277 4,690	+5,698 +475
200% FPL	17,720 1,477	23,880 1,990	30,040 2,504	36,200 3,017	42,360 3,530	48,520 4,044	54,680 4,557	60,840 5,070	+6,160 +514
RESOURCES (ASSETS)	3,800	5,550	5,600	5,650	5,950	6,800	7,650	8,500	+850