

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

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

**SUBJECT:** 2003 Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2003

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Due to a 1.4% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 2003, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 2003, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$642/month or \$7,700/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$934/month or \$11,200/year.
3. Medicaid income level for 3 is \$942/month or \$11,300/year.
4. Medicaid income level for 4 is \$950/month or \$11,400/year.
5. Medicaid resource levels increase to \$3850, \$5,600, \$5,650 and \$5,700 for households 1, 2, 3 and 4, respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 2002.
6. The FBR for an individual is \$552/single and \$829/couple.
7. The allocation amount is \$292.
8. The 249e factors are .958 and .212.
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 \$316.
12. The Medicare Part B premium increases to \$58.70.
13. Maximum Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$90,660.
14. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,267.
15. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$508/month.
16. Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): Non-Blind \$800/month, Blind \$1,330/month, Trial Work Period (TWP) \$570/month.
17. SSI-related student earned income disregard limit of \$1,340 monthly up to a maximum of \$5,410 annually.
18. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 02-4 for 2003 Federal Poverty Levels and SSI Benefit Levels.
19. Information on the QI-2 program will be forthcoming.

MBL will be programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 2003 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of November 30, 2002. These changes will be available on production December 2, 2002.

NYC mass rebudgeting will occur the weekend of December 15, 2002. These changes will be available on production December 16, 2002.

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