

TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: 2008 Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

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Due to a 2.3% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 2008, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 2008, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$725/month or \$8,700/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$1,067/month or \$12,800/year.
3. Medicaid income levels for households of 3 or more remain the same as in 2007.
4. Medicaid resource levels are \$4,350 and \$6,400, for households of 1 and 2, respectively. The resource levels for households of 3 or more remain the same as in 2007.
5. Family Health Plus resource levels are \$13,050 and \$19,200, for households of 1 and 2, respectively. The Family Health Plus resource levels for households of 3 or more remain the same as in 2007.
6. The Supplemental Security Income federal benefit rate (FBR) for an individual living alone is \$637/single and \$956/couple.
7. The allocation amount is \$342, the difference between the Medicaid level for a household of two (\$1,067) and one (\$725).
8. The 249e factors are .893 and .188.
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 living alone.
11. The Medicare Part A premium is \$423 per month.
12. The Medicare Part B **standard** monthly premium increases to \$96.40 per month.*
13. Maximum federal Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$104,400.
14. Minimum State Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$74,820.
15. The community spouse Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,610.
16. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$584(estimated).
17. Family Member Allowance formula number used is \$1,750 (estimated).
18. Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): Non-Blind \$940/month, Blind \$1,570/month, Trial Work Period (TWP) \$670/month.
19. SSI-related student earned income disregard limit of \$1,550 monthly up to a maximum of \$6,240 annually.
20. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 2007-__ for the 2008 federal poverty levels and SSI Benefit Levels.

A chart with the new Medicaid levels is attached.

* Beginning in 2007, some enrollees, based on their incomes, will pay a higher Part B premium amount. The standard Medicare monthly Part B premium for 2008 will be \$96.40. Local districts may see higher premium amounts, up to a maximum of \$238.40, especially in some spousal impoverishment cases when applicants/recipients may have more monthly income than is ordinarily seen in most Medicaid cases.

MBL has been programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 2008 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting will occur December 1, and 2, 2007 and will be available on production December 3, 2007. New York City mass rebudgeting will occur December 12, 2007 and January 12, 2008 and will be completed by January 26, 2008.

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