

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

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**SUBJECT:** 2013 Special Income Standards for Housing Expenses

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform local departments of social services (LDSS) of the revised 2013 special income standards for housing expenses which are available to individuals who are discharged from a nursing facility and enroll into the Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) program (see 12 OHIP/ADM-5 for further information).

The special income standard amount varies based on seven regions of the State. Within each region, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Fair Market Rent (FMR) dollar amounts for a one bedroom apartment are averaged. From this amount, 30 percent of the Medicaid income level for a one person household is subtracted (30% of \$800 is \$240). A decrease in the HUD FMR dollar amounts and an increase in the Medicaid income level has resulted in a decrease in the amounts of the special income standard for housing expenses. For 2013, the amounts for the seven regions are:

<b><u>Central - \$368</u></b>			<b><u>North Metropolitan - \$805</u></b>	
Broome	Jefferson	Oswego	Dutchess	Ulster
Cayuga	Lewis	St. Lawrence	Orange	Westchester
Chenango	Madison	Tioga	Putnam	
Cortland	Oneida	Tompkins	Rockland	
Herkimer	Onondaga		Sullivan	
<b><u>Northeastern - \$408</u></b>			<b><u>New York City - \$1,003</u></b>	
Albany	Fulton	Saratoga	Bronx,	Queens
Clinton	Greene	Schenectady	Kings (Brooklyn)	Richmond (Staten Island)
Columbia	Hamilton	Schoharie	New York (Manhattan)	
Delaware	Montgomery	Warren	<b><u>Long Island - \$1,045</u></b>	
Essex	Otsego	Washington	Nassau	
Franklin	Rensselaer		Suffolk	
<b><u>Western - \$338</u></b>			<b><u>Rochester - \$380</u></b>	
Allegany	Niagara		Chemung	Seneca
Cattaraugus	Orleans		Livingston	Steuben
Chautauqua	Wyoming		Monroe	Wayne
Erie			Ontario	Yates
Genesee			Schuyler	

The new levels for the special income standards for housing expenses are effective for cases with budget "From" dates of January 1, 2013 or later.

Reminder: The rate for the special income standard for housing expenses is based on the region in the State where the individual is actually residing, which may not be the same region of the district of fiscal responsibility.