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TO: Commissioners of Social Services, MA Directors

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

SUBJECT: MBL Mass Rebudgeting

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

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THIS PAST WEEKEND (NOVEMBER 30-DECEMBER 1) THE UPSTATE MBL MASS REBUDGETING (MRB) WAS RUN. TWO CIRCUMSTANCES OCCURRED WHICH REQUIRE LOCAL DISTRICT ATTENTION:

- A MESSAGE OF "INELIGIBLE" IS BEING PRESENTED FOR MASS REBUDGETED 1. CASES AND MBL BUDGETS WITH AN EFFECTIVE FROM DATE OF 1/1/97 OR GREATER, AND A BUY-IN INDICATOR CODE. THIS MESSAGE APPEARS EVEN IF THE INDIVIDUAL IS ELIGIBLE FOR BUY-IN. THE BUDGET IS BEING CALCULATED CORRECTLY, HOWEVER, THE UNEARNED INCOME AMOUNT SHOULD BE MANUALLY COMPARED AGAINST THE PROPER 1997 MEDICAID AND POVERTY LEVELS, AS DETAILED IN MBL TRANSMITTAL 96-2. THIS MESSAGE WILL BE CORRECT ON PRODUCTION EFFECTIVE MONDAY, DECEMBER 9. A ZERO MAINTENANCE TRANSACTION WILL THEN RETURN THE PROPER MESSAGE.
- AS A FUNCTION OF THE MRB, MOST BUDGETS WITH SSA INCOME WERE UPDATED BY A BENDEX INTERFACE. THESE BUDGETS WERE MASS REBUDGETED HOWEVER, THOSE BUDGETS WITH SSA INCOME WHICH DID NOT CORRECTLY. MEET THE BENDEX UPDATE CRITERIA (SEE MBL TRANSMITTAL 96-1) HAD THEIR SSA UNEARNED INCOME INCREASED BY THE 2.9% COLA. THE GROSS AMOUNT WAS NOT ROUNDED DOWN.

THESE AFFECTED BUDGETS CAN BE IDENTIFIED ON THE MRB ELIGIBLES REPORT BY AN ALERT MESSAGE OF 502,503,504,505,597,598,OR 599. THE INCOMES IN THESE BUDGETS WITH A SOURCE CODE OF 42,43,44,0R 46 NEED TO BE ADJUSTED AS FOLLOWS:

- SUBTRACT \$43.80 (MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM) FROM THE GROSS AMOUNT ON MBL.
- 2. DROP THE "CENTS"
- 3. ADD \$43.80 TO THE NEW AMOUNT AND REPLACE THE PRIOR GROSS WITH THIS NEW GROSS AMOUNT

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MBL WILL THEN SUBTRACT THE \$43.80 PREMIUM TO CALCULATE THE PROPER

EXAMPLE: \$437.83 GROSS MRB AMOUNT

-43.80 SUBTRACT MEDICARE PART B PREMIUM

\$394.03

NET AMOUNT.

\$394.00 ROUNDED DOWN GROSS +43.80 ADD MEDICARE PREMIUM

\$437.80 CORRECTED GROSS TO BE ENTERED ON MBL

-43.80 PREMIUM SUBTRACTED BY MBL \$394.00 NET AS CALCULATED BY MBL

THIS CORRECTED NET INCOME AMOUNT MAY AFFECT THE NAMI ON PRINCIPAL PROVIDER.

NOTE: THESE SITUATIONS WILL NOT AFFECT THE NEW YORK CITY MASS REBUDGETING TO BE RUN THIS WEEKEND, DECEMBER 7-8.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS MESSAGE YOU MAY CONTACT DENNIS DIMURIA AT 518-473-5614 OR KEN JERGE AT 518-473-9851.