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TO: Commissioners of Social Services and Medicaid Directors
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SUBJECT: 100% Federal Poverty Level Gross Income Test for LIF
Budgeting
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This is to advise that an error may have occurred when processing certain Low Income Families (LIF) budgets as a result of the recent update of Federal Poverty Levels (FPL). As indicated in GIS message 98MA13, the revised FPL for new applications and recertifications with a from date of 6/1/98 was supported by MBL effective 5/4/98. However, when calculating budgets (Bt 01, 05, 09) for LIF the comparison to 100% FPL for the FPL Gross Income Test was not updated to the June 1998 levels. This correction was made on MBL effective 5/11/98.

Therefore, any cases processed during the period 5/4/98 thru 5/8/98 that meet all of the following criteria: Earned Income, Budget type 01, 05 or 09 with appropriate shelter allowance (see 97ADM23) and a from date of 6/1/98 or greater should be retransmitted. This will recalculate the 100% FPL Gross Income Test using the revised FPL effective June 1, 1998.