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April 01, 2004

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 04-1

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 04-1. This transmittal includes information regarding the Earned Income Disregard (EID) changes effective June 01, 2004.

This change will be available on Production on 04/05/04. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Moore at 518-402-6791 or 518-402-9399.

Sincerely,

**PRB**

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Office of Medicaid Management

cc: MA Directors

**MBL TRANSMITTAL**

**Date:** April 01, 2004  
**Transmittal No.:** 04-1

**MaBel Subject:** Changes in the Earned Income Disregard Levels

**Affected Budget Type(s):** 01, 05 and 09

**Contact Person:** MBL Unit at 518-402-6791 or 518-402-9399

Reason for Change

Annually on June 1, as required by Social Services Law Section 131-a (8)(a)(iii), the percentage of earned income disregarded from a Public Assistance/Medical Assistance case must be adjusted to reflect changes in the most recently issued poverty guidelines of the United States Bureau of the Census. This change also requires that income thresholds for the PA/MA Poverty Level Income Test be updated.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

For budgets with Effective Dates of 06/01/04 or later, the Earned Income Disregard (EID) is changed from 51% to 53%. Budgets with Effective Dates prior to 06/01/04 should continue to use 51%.