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March 16, 2006

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 06-2

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 06-2. This transmittal includes information regarding the Earned Income Disregard (EID) changes effective June 01, 2006.

This change will be available on Production 03/27/06. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Moore at 518-402-6791 or 518-402-9399.

Sincerely,

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cc: MA Directors

MBL TRANSMITTAL

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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 LIF cases 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 MA Poverty Level Income Test be updated.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

For budgets with Effective Dates of 06/01/06 or later, the Earned Income Disregard (EID) is changed from 54% to 55%. Budgets with Effective Dates prior to 06/01/06 should continue to use 54%.