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Dennis P. Whalen
Executive Deputy Commissioner

July 13, 2006

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 06-3

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Attached is MBL Transmittal 06-3. This transmittal addresses two changes to MBL. The first change adjusts the calculation for the Plans to Achieve Self Support (PASS) deductions and the second provides for the calculation of premium amounts for the Medicaid Buy-In program for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD).

Currently amounts are deducted from the Total Net Income. Effective 7/24/06 for MBL budgets with an Effective FROM Date of 08/01/06 or greater, the PASS Amount will be deducted from the Total Net Unearned Income with any remainder deducted from the Total Net Earned Income.

For MBI-WPD applicants/recipients (A/Rs) with a Total Net Income that is at or above 150% but at or below 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), a premium amount will be calculated and displayed on the MBL Expanded Eligibility screen. Monthly premium amounts for MBI-WPD premium eligible applicants/recipients (A/Rs) will be based on a percentage of Net Earned and Net Unearned Income. **The resulting MBI premium is not to be acted on by the worker at this time.** Districts will be advised in a forthcoming ADM of the implementation requirements of premium collection for certain MBI participants.

A Mass Rebudgeting will be scheduled for the weekend of 07/22/06 and 07/23/06 on all stored MBL budgets which have "MBI-WPD Eligible 250% amounts". This MRB will set the From Date to 08/01/06, calculate and display the MBI-WPD Premium Amounts, and increment the Version Number and Date Stored. The changes will be available on Production on 07/24/06.

If you have any MBL questions, please contact Charles Moore at 518-402-6791. Any policy questions should be referred to your County Liaison at 518-474-8216.

Sincerely,

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Office of Medicaid Management

cc: MA Directors

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MaBel Subject: Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) premium calculation.

Affected Budget Type(s): 04, 05 AND 06

Contact Person: Charles Moore at 518-402-6791

Reason for Change

A new subdivision (12) to Section 367-a of SSL provides for the payment of premiums for certain participants with Net available (Earned and Unearned) income at or above 150% but at or below 250% of the FPL. These participants are required to pay a monthly premium for Medicaid coverage based on 3.0% of their Earned and 7.5% of their Unearned Income. The resulting MBI premium is not to be acted on by the worker at this time. Districts will be advised in a forthcoming ADM of the implementation requirements of premium collection for certain MBI participants.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Effective 07/24/06 MBL will be programmed to calculate MBI-WPD premiums for MBL budgets with a "FROM" Date of 08/01/06 or greater that are eligible at or above 150% FPL but at or below 250% FPL and the appropriate Expanded Eligibility Codes (EEC) of "V" or "W".

MBL Edits:

- If there is a "V" or "W" in the EEC field then the Budget Effective "FROM" Date must be 08/01/06 or greater to generate a MBI-WPD Premium.

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MBL Calculations:

Currently when an (EEC) of "V" or "W" is entered, the SSI-Related Total Net Income minus the PASS amount will be used to calculate eligibility for the MBI-WPD program. With the new system changes, the PASS Amount will be deducted from the Total Net Unearned Income with any remainder deducted from the Total Net Earned Income prior to the calculation of eligibility for the MBI-WPD. Additionally, the PASS Amount in conjunction with the SSI disregard will now be deducted from the Total Net Income on the SSI budget screen. The FPL used will be based on the same Living Arrangement code used in the SSI-related portion of the budget.

New Expanded Eligibility Screen

MBI-WPD PREMIUM: \$Amount

System Processing Conversion:

A MBL Mass Rebudgeting (MRB) will be scheduled the weekend of 07/22/06 and 07/23/06 for all stored MBI-WPD budgets Eligible at or above 150% but at or below 250% of the FPL. The stated MRB will set the Transaction Type to 05, the MBL Effective From Date to 08/01/06, calculate and display the MBI-WPD Premium Amount, and increment the Version Number and Date Stored. This MBL MRB will provide an output list via BICS.

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Reports will be available on the local districts respective BICS queue identified by filename. An example would be: (001-XWBB75A-PF-**) This breaks down as "001" number of copies, "X" BICS, "WBB75A" Filename (Eligibles and/or Exceptions), "PF" Print File and "**" District Number. In addition, NO COPY OF THE NEW BUDGET WILL BE PRINTED for the case record.

ELIGIBLES: Cases appearing on this report are those that met the above selection criteria and successfully had the MBI-WPD premium calculated. This report will include the following fields: Case Number, Case Name, Case Type, Budget Type, EEC and MBI-WPD Premium.

EXCEPTIONS: Cases appearing on this report are those that did not meet the selection criteria outlined above. These cases should be reviewed by the worker. This report will include the following fields: Case Number, Case Name, Case Type and Rejected Reason. The sort sequence for both the Eligibles and Exceptions will be as follows: District, Local Office, Unit, Worker and Case Name. The report header will include Local Office, Unit and Worker (for Identification and distribution) and Page Number.