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May 15, 2008

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 08-1

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 08-1. This transmittal includes information regarding three enhancements to the Medicaid Automated Budget and Eligibility Logic (MBL). These enhancements are:

- Legal Mandate change to the Medicaid Savings Program (MSP)
- Incorrectly displaying AIDS and COBRA Insurance eligibility information on the MA SSI Output Screen
- New Earned Income Disregard (EID) percentage change effective 06/01/08

These changes will be available on Production on 05/19/08. If you have any system questions, please call the contact listed on the applicable Transmittal Page.

Sincerely,

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Director, Bureau of Medicaid Support Systems  
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cc: MA Directors

## **MBL TRANSMITTAL**

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**MaBel Subject:** Medical Saving Program (MSP) Change that eliminates the resources test for QMB and SLIMB.

**Affected Budget Type(s):** 04, 05, 06, 07, 08, 09, and 10

**Contact Person:** MBL Unit at 518-408-08114 or 518-408-0112

### Reason for Change

The state legislature enhanced the laws governing the NYS Medical Savings Program (MSP) requiring that all resource test be eliminated in determining eligibility for an individual applying for the program effective 04/01/08.

### Change in Procedure/System Processing

Effective 05/19/08 for budgets with a "FROM" Date of 04/01/08 or later, MBL will eliminate the resource test of all Medical Savings Program budget amounts in calculating eligibility.

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**MaBel Subject:** Maintenance in the SSI-Related output screen for cases with the EEC Values of "A" and "H"

**Affected Budget Type(s):** 01 and 04

**Contact Person:** MBL Unit at 518-408-0114 or 518-408-0112

Reason for Change

MBL budgets utilizing the EEC values of "A" (AIDS) or "H" (COBRA) are displaying the correct eligibility status on the Expanded Eligibility screen however the MA SSI-Related output screen is displaying information incorrectly. The MA SSI Related output Screen should not be displaying AIDS or COBRA eligibility information.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

MBL Budgets utilizing the EEC values of "A" or "H" will display the eligibility status on the Expanded Eligibility output screen only.

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**MaBel Subject:** Percentage change to the Earned Income Disregard (EID)

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

**Contact Person:** MBL Unit (518) 408-0114 or 518-408-0112

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 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 MA Poverty Level Income Test be updated.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

For budgets with Effective Dates of 06/01/08 or later, the Earned Income Disregard (EID) is changed from 57% to 58%. Budgets with Effective Dates prior to 06/01/08 should continue to use 57%.