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TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 08-2

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 08-2. This transmittal includes information regarding enhancements to the Medicaid Automated Budget and Eligibility Logic (MBL). These enhancements include changes to the following:

- Medical Assistance (MA) Levels, Public Assistance (PA) Standard and Earned Income Disregard (EID)
- Medical Assistance (MA) and Family Health Plus (FHP) Resource Levels

These changes will be available on Production on 08/04/08. If you have any system questions, please call the contact listed on the applicable Transmittal Page.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
cc: MA Directors

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MaBel Subject: Medical Assistance (MA) Levels, Public Assistance (PA) Standard and Earned Income Disregard (EID) Changes

Affected Budget Type(s): All

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

Reason for Change

New Legislation requires a uniform Statewide Income Standard, which will be adjusted annually. Currently, NYS does not have a uniform Statewide PA Standard of Need for Low Income Families (LIF) and Single/Childless Couples (S/CC). Effective 04/01/08 the new Statewide Standard will be utilized for MA budgets with a MBL Effective From Date of 04/01/08 or later. The Earned Income Disregard (EID) will also be adjusted from 57% to 28% for MA budgets with a MBL Effective From Date of 06/01/08 or later.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Effective 08/04/08 for MA budgets with a MBL Effective From Date of 04/01/08 or later, MBL will replace the current PA Standard of Need for Low Income Families (LIF) and Single/Childless Couples (S/CC) with the new Statewide Standard when calculating eligibility as outlined below.

1. For Low Income Families (LIF) and Single/Childless Couples (S/CC) budgets with MBL Effective From Dates of 04/01/08 or later, and certain Shelter Types, the following new Statewide Standard will be utilized:

Household Size	LIF and S/CC Standard Monthly
1	\$673
2	\$840
3	\$999
4	\$1,160
5	\$1,326
6	\$1,448
7	\$1,576
8	\$1,740
9	\$1,834
10	\$1,929
Each add'l person	\$95

2. The following Shelter Types will use the new Standard:
01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 06, 07, 11, 20, 23, 33, 34, 36 and 37.

a. For these Shelter Types the Shelter Amount field is optional.

b. For these Shelter Types, input of the Shelter Type Code is optional unless an applicable Water Amount or Additional Allowance field(s) are entered.

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- c. The listed Shelter Types will no longer receive the Pre Add.
 - d. The following Shelter Types may receive a water amount entry:
01, 02, 03, 07 and 20
 - e. The Shelter Amount field will be optional for the following codes:
01, 02, 03, 04, 05, 07, 11, 20, 23 and 34
 - f. The following Shelter Types will receive an unlimited Shelter amount:
06, 33, 36 and 37
3. The following Shelter Type calculations will not change:
09, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 22, 28, 29, 35, 42 and 44
4. The Fuel field will no longer be allowed for MA budgets with a MBL Effective From Date of 04/01/08 or later.
5. The Energy Allowance on the budget output screens will always be blank for MA budgets with a MBL Effective From Date of 04/01/08 or later.
6. The Gross Income Test will compare gross income to 185% of the new Statewide Standard with no changes to the existing disregard calculations.
7. For MBL budgets with an Effective From Date less than 04/01/08, the current Standard levels will remain unchanged.
8. The following new Medically Needy Income (MA) levels will be used for MBL budgets with an Effective From Date of 04/01/08 or later:

Household Size	MA Levels Monthly
1	\$725
2	\$1,067
3	\$1,234
4	\$1,392
5	\$1,550
6	\$1,709
7	\$1,867
8	\$2,034
9	\$2,192
10	\$2,350
Each add'l person	\$159

9. For MBL budgets with an Effective From Date less than 04/01/08, the current MA levels will remain unchanged.

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10. Shelter Types 42 and 51 use the same Congregate Care Level III amount. However, Shelter Type 51 will no longer be valid with a MBL Effective From Date of 08/01/08 or later.

11. The new Earned Income Disregard amount will be changed from 57% to 28% for MA budgets with a MBL Effective From Date of 06/01/08 or later.

12. The New MBL Shelter Type Table for Low Income Families (LIF) and Single/Childless Couple (S/CC) budgeting will utilize the Statewide Standard effective 04/01/08 as follows:

Code	Shelter Type	Pre Add	Shelter	New Std Househol d of 1	Add'l Allowance Code	Standard Applied
01	Rent			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std + water
02	Rent Public			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std + water
03	Own Home			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std + water
04	Room & Board			673.00	01, 02, 03, 99	New Std
05	Hotel Permanent			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std
06	Hotel Temporary		Unlimited	673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std + unlimited Shelter
07	Migrant Camp			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std + water
09	Medical Facility	40.00	Unlimited		99	No Change
11	Room			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std
12	Non Level II Alcohol Treatment Facility	45.00	Unlimited		01, 02, 03, 99	No Change
14	Public Home	17.00	Unlimited		99	No Change
15	Congregate Care Level I (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester)	PNA			99	No Change
16	Congregate Care Level II (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester)	PNA			99	No Change
18	Foster Care		Unlimited			No Change
20	Emergency Rental Supplement Program			673.00	01, 02, 03,13,99	New Std + water
22	Shelter for Victims of Domestic Violence	45.00	Unlimited		01, 02, 03, 99	No Change
23	Undomiciled			673.00	01, 02, 03, 99	New Std
28	Congregate Care Level I (Rest of State)	PNA Level I			99	No Change
29	Congregate Care Level II (Rest of State)	PNA Level II			99	No Change
33	Homeless Shelter Tier II – Less than 3 Meals/Day		Unlimited	673.00	01, 02, 03, 99	New Std + unlimited Shelter
34	Homeless Shelter Tier II – 3 Meals/Day			673.00	01, 02, 03, 99	New Std
35	Homeless Shelter Non Tier I or Tier II	45.00	Unlimited		99	No Change
36	Shelter for Homeless less than 3 Meals/Day		Unlimited	673.00	01, 02, 03, 99	New Std + unlimited Shelter
37	Residential Program for Victim of Domestic Violence		Unlimited	673.00	01, 02, 03, 99	New Std + unlimited Shelter
42/51	Congregate Care Level III	PNA			99	No Change
44	Supportive Specialized Housing	PNA	Unlimited		99	No Change

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MaBel Subject: Medical Assistance (MA) and Family Health Plus (FHP) Resource Levels

Affected Budget Type(s): All

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

Reason for Change

New Legislation requires a uniform Statewide Resource Standard. The New Medicaid Resource Levels will be applied to Medicaid (MA), Family Health Plus (FHP), Single/Childless Couple (S/CC), and Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD).

Change in Procedure/System Processing

1. For MA budgets with a MBL Effective Period From Date of 04/01/08 or later, the following Medicaid Resource Levels will apply:

Household Size	Resource Level
1	\$13,050
2	\$19,200
3	\$22,200
4	\$25,050
5	\$27,900
6	\$30,750
7	\$33,600
8	\$36,600
9	\$39,450
10	\$42,300
Each add'l person	+\$2,850

2. The new table replaces the separate Medicaid (MA), Family Health Plus (FHP), Single/Childless Couples (S/CC), and the Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) Resource Levels.

3. For MA Budgets with a MBL Effective From Date less than 04/01/08, the current Medicaid Resource Levels will continue unchanged.

4. The Age Indicator (AI) value will no longer affect the Resource Level for MBL budget types 02, 06 and 10 with a MBL Effective From Date of 04/01/08 or later.

5. For MA Budgets with a MBL Effective From Date less than 04/01/08, the current edits for Age Indicator (AI) equal to "Y" will remain unchanged.

6. The Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) Expanded Eligibility Screen will display the new Resource Level for Household Size 1 or 2 depending upon the Living Arrangement (LA) value on MBL.

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7. For MA Budgets with a MBL Effective From Date less than 04/01/08, the current Medicaid Resource Level for Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) will continue unchanged.