

October 6, 2011

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 11-4

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 11-4. This transmittal addresses changes to MBL which includes information regarding the Federal Poverty Level change for Child(ren) 6 to less than 19 with Expanded Eligibility Codes of "D" and "B", changes to the Unearned Income codes 26, 60 and 64, and change to the Resource Standard for Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with disabilities (MBI-WPD) along with the addition of a new code to disregard retirement accounts for the MBI-WPD population. These changes will be available on Production on 10/17/11. The specific enhancement items addressed below:

- **Federal Poverty Level change for Expanded Children 6 to less than 19**
- **Unearned Income Code 26, 60 and 64**
- **MBI-WPD Resource Levels change and new resource code**

If you have any MBL system questions, please contact the individual listed on the applicable Transmittal Page. Any policy questions should be referred to your County Liaison at 518-474-8216.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
cc: MA Directors

MaBel Subject: Federal Poverty Level change for child(ren) 6 to less than 19 with Expanded Eligibility Codes of “D” and “B”

Affected Budget Type(s): 01 and 05

Contact Person: Cindy Krueger-Farley at (518) 402-7371

Reason for Change

As of 10/01/11, the Federal Poverty Level eligibility for Child(ren) 6 to less than 19 years old is 100% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL). This population will now be for two different levels, the Laws of 2010 increases the level from 100% to 133%.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Effective 11/01/11, MBL will calculate the Federal Poverty Level maximum of 133% for children 6 to less than 19 when the EEC of “D” or “B” is entered with a MBL effective “FROM” Date of 11/01/11 or greater. If the MBL effective “FROM” Date is less than 11/01/11, then the Federal Poverty Level of 100% will be used in the eligibility calculation process.

When the MBL “FROM” Date is 11/01/11 or greater, the Expanded Eligibility/FHP Screen will display one of the following:

CHILD 6+ < 19:	ELIGIBLE	100%	Amount
	Or		
CHILD 6+ < 19:	ELIGIBLE	133%	Amount
	Or		
CHILD 6+ < 19:	INELIGIBLE	133%	Amount

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MaBel Subject: Unearned Income Codes 26, 60 and 64

Affected Budget Type(s): All

Contact Person: Cindy Krueger-Farley at (518) 402-7371

Reason for Change

Currently, the Unearned Income Codes of 26, 60 and 64 are not exempt from MBL budgets; however they are not valid for use with all budget types. These changes will be effective for all budgets that meet certain criteria regardless of the From Date and will assist the HEART enrollment center in the processing of cases.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Enable the Unearned Income Codes 26, 60 and 64 to be valid input on the below listed budget types, changes are in bold print:

- 26 “Lump Sum Payments” - Budget Types **01**, 02, **04**, **05**, 06 and 10
- 60 “Income-In-Kind Provided by LRR – Shelter” - Budget Type = All (**BT02 added**)
- 64 “Income-In-Kind Provided by LRR – Meals” - Budget Type = All (**BT02 added**)

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MaBel Subject: Change to the Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) Resource level and the addition of a new code to disregard retirement accounts for MBI-WPD.

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

Contact Person: Cindy Krueger-Farley at (518) 402-7371

Reason for Change

Increase the Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) Resource Levels and disregard individual retirement accounts as resources in determining the eligibility for the MBI-WPD population.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

The new MBI-WPD Resource Standard level for a household of one will be increased from \$13,800 to \$20,000 and \$20,100 to \$30,000 for a household of two which is different from the MA Resource Level. MBL will calculate the appropriate level based on the Living Arrangement (LA) value on the budget. The new Resource code of "86" is used to disregard any income from an Individual Retirement account amount regardless of whom entered for in the budget and will not be counted in the calculation of the MBI-WPD eligibility determination for resources, but the amount will be counted in the MA Resource total net income for the individual.

*Note: If resources input are over \$109,999.99 amount displayed in MBI-WPD Excess Resource field will be incorrect. MBI-WPD will still be calculated correctly as will the amount generated on Notices. A change will be forthcoming to correct this.