

April 20, 2012

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 12-3

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 12-3. This transmittal includes information regarding the Earned Income Disregard (EID) changes effective June 1, 2012.

The change will be available on Production on 04/29/2012. If you have any system questions, please call the contact listed on the applicable Transmittal Page.

Sincerely,

*Michele T Leonard*

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Enclosure  
cc: MA Directors

**MBL TRANSMITTAL**

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**MaBel Subject:** Changes in the Earned Income Disregard (EID) Levels

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

**Contact Person:** Help Desk (518) 402-7371, MBL Unit at (518) 408-0566 or (518) 408-0105

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 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. No Earned Income Disregard (EID) percentage change was issued but the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for FY12 was adjusted. Therefore the default computation that determines the income threshold for an individual will be adjusted to the new Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for FY12.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

For budgets with Effective Dates of 06/01/12 or later, the Earned Income Disregard (EID) percentage will remain unchanged and the income threshold will be adjusted to the new 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for FY12 based upon the appropriate number of individuals on the case. Budgets with Effective Dates prior to 06/01/12 should continue to use the existing percentage and the income threshold at the 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for FY11.

