

June 4, 2012

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 12-4

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 12-4. This transmittal includes information regarding the following items listed below with a Budget Effective FROM Date of July 1, 2012 or greater.

- MBI-WPD field size increase for excess Resources
- MSP edit to disallow unearned income exemption code 21 with Buy-In indicator
- Housing disregard incentive for Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) plan

These changes will be available on Production on 06/18/2012. If you have any systems questions, please call the contact listed on the applicable Transmittal Page

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
cc: MA Directors

MBL TRANSMITTAL

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MaBel Subject: MBI-WPD Excess Resource Screen Value Change

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

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

Reason for Change

Currently the Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) excess resource amount screen value is seven characters while the resource value input screen allows up to eight characters. This can result in truncating the first digit and having inaccurate information being displayed in the MBI-WPD EXC-RES field.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Increase the SSI screen output value for the MBI-WPD excess resource field by adding an additional character to equal a total of eight characters.

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Date: June 04, 2012

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MaBel Subject: MSP Edit to disallow unearned income exemption code '21 - Medicare' with Buy-In indicator

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

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

Reason for Change

Currently, if a recipient has Medicare Savings Program (MSP) coverage, there is no edit in place to stop a worker from entering an Unearned Income Exemption Code (21 - Medicare Premium) from being entered on the MBL budget.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

If the state is paying the Medicare premium through the Medicare Savings Program (MSP), the cost of the Medicare premium deduction is not allowed as an income exemption. If the MBL budget Buy-In Indicator field is populated and the Unearned Income Exemption Code equals '21- Medicare premium' the system will display the error message "Examine blinking fields".

MaBel Subject: Housing disregard incentive to join Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan

Affected Budget Type(s): 04

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

Reason for Change

Some nursing home residents could be discharged back to the community, but they do not have adequate income to afford housing in the community. The housing disregard will be available to a recipient who has been a resident of a nursing facility for at least 30 days and who is not subject to spousal budgeting. A disregard would allow them to retain income to pay for housing. This disregard will be available only to those who agree to join a Managed Long Term Care plan.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Eight new Shelter Codes were created for the new housing disregard which will allow nursing home eligible individuals to receive an income disregard to help pay for housing if they join a Managed Long Term Care Plan. The dollar amount of this disregard will be adjusted annually based upon the HUD Fair Market Rent (FMR) by counties. Spousal Impoverishment cases (Budget Type 08, 09, 10 and 07 in NYC; if the budget has court ordered support amount, are not eligible for the housing disregard.)

- MBL CA (Case composition) field must be equal to “01 or 02”.
- MBL EEC (Expanded Eligibility Code) field must be blank.
- MBL Shelter Type Code field must be equal to one of the new codes listed in the new Regional Rate table
 - a.) If Shelter Code equal to “63” then an internal calculation is performed that adds the Shelter Code 42 amount with PNA Level III to equal the appropriate regional rate amount based on the LOC field to equal the new amount of the Medicaid Standard (PA STD).
- MBL Shelter Amount field is optional; MBL will display on output the appropriate Regional Rate dollar amount based upon the new Shelter Type Codes from the Regional Rate table.
- MBL Additional Allowance field must be blank.
- MBL Deeming Code field must be equal to “1 or 4”.
- MBL Living Arrangement (LA) Code field must be equal to the case composition field.

MBL TRANSMITTAL

MaBel Subject: Housing disregard incentive to join Managed Long Term Care (MLTC) Plan (Continued)

Affected Budget Type(s): 04

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

- The MBL Location (LOC) Code field must not be blank.
 - a) If LOC field = 1, 9, 10, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 20, 27, 36, 38, 41, 42, 43, 52 or 53 then Shelter Code must be “54 – Northeastern”.
 - b) If LOC field = 3, 5, 8, 11, 21, 22, 23, 25, 30, 31, 35, 40, 49 or 50 then Shelter Code must be “55 – Central”.
 - c) If LOC field value = 7, 24, 26, 32, 44, 45, 46, 54 or 57 then Shelter Code must be “56 – Rochester”.
 - d) If LOC field value = 2, 4, 6, 14, 18, 29, 34 or 56 then Shelter Code must be “57 – Western”.
 - e) If LOC field value = 13, 33, 37, 39, 48, 51 or 55 then Shelter Code must be “58 – Northern Metropolitan”.
 - f) If LOC field value = 66 then Shelter Code must be “59 – New York City”.
 - g) If LOC field value = 28 or 47 then Shelter Code must be “60 – Long Island”.

Shelter Code	Shelter Amount
54 – Northeastern Counties/District Numbers (17 total) 01,09,10,12,15,16,17,19,20,27,36,38,41, 42,43,52 and 53	\$426.00
55 – Central Counties/District Numbers (14 total) 03,05,08,11,21,22,23,25,30,31,35,40,49 and 50	\$386.00
56 - Rochester Counties/District Numbers (9 total) 07,24,26,32,44,45,46,54 and 57	\$387.00
57- Western Counties/District Numbers (8 total) 02,04,06,14,18,29,34 and 56	\$377.00
58 - Northern Metropolitan Counties/District Numbers (7 total) 13,33,37,39,48,51 and 55	\$829.00
59 - NYC/District Number 66 - five boroughs (Bronx, Kings- (Brooklyn), New York - (Manhattan), Queens and Richmond – (Staten Island)	\$1,042.00
60 - Long Island/District Numbers (2 total) 28 and 47	\$1,187.00
63 – Cong Care Level 3 (42) + Regional Rate for county entered in LOC field	\$1,769.00 thru \$2,579.00