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Executive Deputy Commissioner

October 15, 2012

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 12-5

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 12-5. This transmittal includes information regarding the following items listed below with a Budget Effective FROM Date of November 1, 2012 or greater.

- Medicare Saving Program (MSP) level of eligibility screen enhancement
- Revision of calculation for eligibility of SSI-Related individual with non SSI-Related spouse
- Online budgeting edits for SSI-Related, Chronic Care and Chronic Care Community eligibility determination for various programs.

These changes will be available on Production on 10/22/2012. If you have any systems questions, please call the contact listed on the applicable Transmittal Page

Sincerely,

Bambi Murphy

Bambi Murphy, Manager
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Enclosure
cc: MA Directors

MBL TRANSMITTAL

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MaBel Subject: Medicare Saving Program (MSP) level of eligibility screen enhancement

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 MBL calculates and displays the MSP eligibility for the client when the BUY-In field is populated. The resulting output is the MSP eligibility level for the client.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

The change is for the system to show the Total Net MSP income that was used in determining MSP eligibility level along with the household size utilized. The SSI screen output for the MSP eligibility will now display the Medicare Saving Program that the client's eligibility was compared against. The household size (new); Total Net Income (new) amount of the client, and the Federal Poverty Level percentage (new) utilized in determining the MSP eligibility level displayed.

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MaBel Subject: Revision of calculation for eligibility of SSI-Related individual with non SSI-Related spouse

Affected Budget Type(s): 06

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

Reason for Change

Currently, MBL calculates the Medicaid eligibility for the SSI-Related individual by counting the non SSI-Related spouse's income and budgeting the SSI-Related spouse as a household of two, when a non SSI-Related spouse's gross income (minus any court ordered support paid out) is less than the difference between the MA Level for one and two.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Correction to the calculation for Budget 06 in determining the Medicaid eligibility for the SSI-Related individual by NOT counting the non SSI-Related spouse's income and budgeting the SSI-Related spouse as a household of one, when a non SSI-Related spouse's gross income (minus any court ordered support paid out) is less than the difference between the MA Level for one and two (currently \$367.00 in 2012).

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MaBel Subject: Online Budgeting edits for SSI-Related, Chronic Care and Chronic Care Community eligibility determination programs.

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, MBL budgeting allows for inaccurate information to be inputted into the system for determining eligibility of various programs.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

New online edits will assist the worker in applying the correct data input edits in regards to the MBL budget and WMS case record. Online budgeting edits will be applied to the SSI-Related budgets, Chronic Care budgets and Chronic Care Community budgets in determining eligibility for the respective programs.