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Executive Deputy Commissioner

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TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 14-1

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 14-1. This transmittal includes information regarding the new MAGI eligibility levels and MAGI budget output screen effective January 01, 2014.

These changes will be available on Production on 02/18/14. If you have any system questions, please call the contact number listed on the applicable Transmittal Page.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
cc: MA Directors

MaBel Subject: New Expanded Eligibility Code “M” and eligibility levels.

Affected Budget Type(s): 01

Contact Person: MBL Unit at 518-408-0566 or 518-408-0105

Reason for Change

Prior to the transitioning of renewals for the WMS MAGI population, the department has requested WMS to support MAGI-Related budgets for individuals in the new MAGI categories for the renewals and undercare reactivations. The creation of EEC code of “M” will be used to calculate budgets for the MAGI standards.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

A. The MAGI budgeting rules will be incorporated in Budget type 01 with the new EEC Code equal to “M”. The new calculations will compare a consumer’s Gross Monthly Income to the corresponding Federal Poverty Level (FPL) that applies to the different categories of MAGI population. This budget will perform calculations and display levels for the MAGI population to determine Medicaid eligibility for the MA cases. The new EEC of “M” will calculate and display the Expanded Eligibility Level (FPL) as follows:

- **Pregnant Women** **223%**
- **Infants** **223%**
- **Child 1-5** **154%**
- **Child 6-18** **110% or 154%**
- **Parents/Caretaker** **138%**
- **19&20 year olds living w/parents** **138% or 155%**
- **Single/CC and 19&20 year olds living alone** **100% or 138%**
- **Family Planning Benefit Program** **223%**

B. The budgets will have NO DISREGARDS such as Unearned Income Exemptions, Earned Income Disregard (EID), \$90 Disregard or Additional Allowances. These may be entered on the MA Input screen, but will **NOT BE APPLIED** to the MAGI budgeting calculations.

C. The following Unearned Income sources will be excluded from the MAGI calculations as income:

- 04 “Black Lung Disease Program”
- 06 “Child support payments”
- 07 “Disabled Veterans Benefits (Non-Service Connected)”
- 11 “Disabled Veterans Benefits (Service Connected)”
- 28 “German/Austrian Reparation Payments”
- 55 “Veteran’s Pensions or Benefit”
- 59 “Worker’s Compensation”

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The following Unearned Income Sources will be excluded from the MAGI calculations as income:

- 93 “Burial Funds/Burial Arrangements and Veterans Payments”
- 94 “State or Local Relation Assistance”
- 96 “Disaster Relief”
- 97 “Insurance Payment”

D. The Old Expanded Eligibility Codes of “B, C, D, F, I, J, K, N, P and S” will be disabled for usage on 04/01/2014 for all WMS Transaction types with the exception of a “05 – Changed Transaction”. These Expanded Eligibility Codes will produce calculations utilizing the currently existing MBL budgeting methodology and provide disregards for the client’s case.