

April 30, 2014

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 14-4

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 14-4. This transmittal includes information regarding the Earned income Disregard (EID) changes effective June 01, 2014.

These changes will be available on Production on 05/05/14. 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

**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:** Local District Support Unit (518) 474-8887

**Reason for Change**

Annually on June 1, as required by Social Services Law (SSL) Section 131-a(8)(a)(iii), the percentage of earned income disregarded from a non-MAGI LIF case 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 the 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 FY14 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 FY14.

**Change in Procedure/System Processing**

For non-MAGI budgets with an Effective FROM Date of 06/01/14 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 FY14 based upon the appropriate number of individuals on the case. Non-MAGI budgets with an Effective FROM Date prior to 06/01/14 should continue to use the existing percentage and the income threshold at the 100% Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for FY13.