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TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 19-6

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 19-6. This transmittal includes information regarding the new eligibility levels which are effective January 1, 2020. The federal government has updated the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) to be \$3,216.00, as opposed to \$3,216.50 listed in MBL transmittal 19.3. This change is available in production as of December 18, 2019. The full list of new levels is provided below for convenience and the new MMMNA level has been highlighted.

Please e-mail the MBL contacts listed on the transmittal page if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure
cc: MA Directors

Subject: Changes in MA Levels, Federal Poverty Levels, SSI Benefit Levels, Congregate Care Levels, DAC Levels, and MMMNA

Affected Budget Type(s): All

Contact Person: Matt.Lapierre@health.ny.gov and Gary.Remarchuk@its.ny.gov

Reason for Change

The annual increase in MA levels, SSI levels, and Congregate Care levels have been announced for 2020.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Effective 11/25/19 for all budgets with a “FROM” Date of 01/01/20 or later, MBL will use the following amounts in calculating budgets:

- **SSA COLA** increase is 1.6%
- **Medicare Part B Standard Premium** is \$144.60
- **The New MA Std/MA Income Level and Resource exemption levels are as follows:**

H/H Size	MA Standard	MA Level	Resources
1	\$823	\$875	\$15,750
2	\$1,028	\$1,284	\$23,100
3	\$1,222	\$1,476	
4	\$1,419	\$1,669	
5	\$1,623	\$1,861	
6	\$1,772	\$2,054	
7	\$1,928	\$2,246	
8	\$2,130	\$2,439	
9	\$2,245	\$2,631	
10	\$2,360	\$2,824	
Add'l Person	+116	+193	

- **New SSI Levels are:**
 - a. Federal Benefit Level for individual \$783.00 and couple \$1,175.00
 - b. Allocation Amount = \$409.00
 - c. PIA (PNA=3) = \$409.00
 - d. State Supplement is \$23.00 for an individual living with others
 - e. Family Care Level (LA 3 & 4)
Upstate \$1,011.48
NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester & Rockland Counties \$1,049.48
 - f. SSI Resource Levels individual \$2,000 and couples \$3,000

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• **New Congregate Care Level I, II and III amounts are:**

Shelter Code	PNA	Shelter Amount
Level I -15 (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland Counties)	\$150.00	\$ 899.48
Level II -16 (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland Counties)	\$174.00	\$1,044.00
Level I - 28 (Rest of State)	\$150.00	\$ 861.48
Level II- 29 (Rest of State)	\$174.00	\$1,014.00
Level III – 42 (NYC, Nassau, Suffolk, Westchester, Rockland Counties)	\$207.00	\$1,270.00
Level III – 42 (Rest of State)	\$207.00	\$1,270.00

• **The 2020 DAC Table is as follows:**

(LA=1 or 5 and Shelter NOT = 15, 16, 28, 29 or 42)	\$ 870.00
(LA=2 or 6 and Shelter NOT = 15, 16, 28, 29 or 42)	\$1,279.00
(LA=3)	\$1,011.48
(LA=4)	\$1,049.48
(LA=1 and Shelter = 15)	\$1,049.48
(LA=1 and Shelter = 28)	\$1,011.48
(LA=1 and Shelter = 16)	\$1,218.00
(LA=1 and Shelter =29)	\$1,188.00
(LA=1 and Shelter = 42)	\$1,477.00
(LA=2 and Shelter = 15)	\$2,098.96
(LA=2 and Shelter = 28)	\$2,022.96
(LA=2 and Shelter = 16)	\$2,436.00
(LA=2 and Shelter = 29)	\$2,376.00
(LA=2 and Shelter = 42)	\$2,954.00

• **Maximum Community Spouse Resources Allowance is \$128,640.00**

• **Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowances (MMMNA) is \$3,216.00**

• **Maximum Social Security (Worker Retiring at Full Retirement Age) is \$3,011.00**

• **New Fair Market Regional Rate Table (Averages)**

Northeastern Counties (Shelter = 54)	\$ 483.00
Central Counties (Shelter = 55)	\$ 436.00
Rochester Counties (Shelter = 56)	\$ 444.00
Western Counties (Shelter = 57)	\$ 386.00

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Northern Metropolitan Counties (Shelter = 58)	\$1,032.00
NYC - five boroughs (Shelter = 59)	\$1,451.00
Long Island (Shelter = 60)	\$1,361.00
Cong Care Level 3 (Shelter = 63)	\$1,863.00 - \$2,928.00
(Shelter 42 amount + Fair Market Regional Rate for Counties based on location)	

- **Federal Poverty Levels**

There will be no new Federal Poverty Levels for this phase of MRB.