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March 12, 2003

TO: All MBL Liaisons

Re: MBL Transmittal 03-1

Dear MBL Liaisons:

Enclosed is MBL Transmittal 03-1. This transmittal includes information regarding the new Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs) that are effective January 1, 2003 and Earned Income Disregard (EID) changes that are effective June 01, 2003.

These changes will be available on Production on 03/24/03. If you have any questions, please contact Charles Moore at 518-474-2502.

Sincerely,

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Office of Medicaid Management

cc: MA Directors

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MaBel Subject: Changes in the Federal Poverty Levels

Affected Budget Type(s): All

Contact Person: MBL Unit at 518-474-2502 or 518-473-7439

Reason for Change

The Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs) for 2003 have been changed. A GIS message will be released at a later date.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

Effective 02/07/03 for budgets with an Effective "FROM" Date of 01/01/03 or greater, MBL will use the following Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs) in calculating budgets:

FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

Household Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Add'L Person
100%	\$749	\$1,010	\$1,272	\$1,534	\$1,795	\$2,057	\$2,319	\$2,580	+262
120%	\$898	\$1,212							+314
133%	\$996	\$1,344	\$1,692	\$2,040	\$2,388	\$2,736	\$3,084	\$3,432	+349
135%	\$1,011	\$1,364							+354
150%	\$1,123	\$1,515	\$1,908	\$2,300	\$2,693	\$3,085	\$3,478	\$3,870	+393
185%	\$1,385	\$1,869	\$2,353	\$2,837	\$3,321	\$3,805	\$4,289	\$4,773	+485
200%	\$1,497	\$2,020	\$2,544	\$3,067	\$3,590	\$4,114	\$4,637	\$5,160	+524
250%	\$1,871	\$2,525	\$3,180	\$3,834	\$4,488	\$5,142	\$5,796	\$6,450	+655

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MaBel Subject: Changes in the Earned Income Disregard Levels

Affected Budget Type(s): 01, 05 and 09

Contact Person: MBL Unit at 518-474-2502 or 518-473-7439

Reason for Change

Annually on June 1, as required by Social Services Law Section 131-a (8)(a)(iii), the percentage of earned income disregarded from a Public Assistance/Medical Assistance 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 income thresholds for the PA/MA Poverty Level Income Test be updated.

Change in Procedure/System Processing

For budgets with Effective Dates of 06/01/03 or later, the Earned Income Disregard (EID) is changed from 50% to 51%. Budgets with Effective Dates prior to 06/01/03 should continue to use 50%.