

**CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 04-19,
2019 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHANGES (FPL) AND
HEALTH COVERAGE FOR WORKERS WITH DISABILITIES**

DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2019

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 04-19

To: County Directors of Social Services

I. BACKGROUND AND CONTENT OF CHANGE

Federal law requires poverty levels to be adjusted annually on the basis of the Consumer Price Index (CPI). This letter issues the 2019 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income limit effective April 1, 2019. This policy applies to MAGI and Non-MAGI cases.

II. POLICY UPDATE

A. MA-2252 policy section has been updated with 2019 Medicaid Income/Reserve Limits chart.

B. MA-2180.IV.H.1, Health Coverage for Workers with Disabilities section is updated to reflect the 2019 premiums for HCWD individuals.

1. Local department of social services (dss) must notify current HCWD participants with monthly premiums of the increase via DSS-8110/DSS-8110S, Your Benefits Are Changing.
2. Forced eligibility is needed to process HCWD premiums in NC FAST. Use the Job Aid [Forced Eligibility](#) in NC FAST Help.

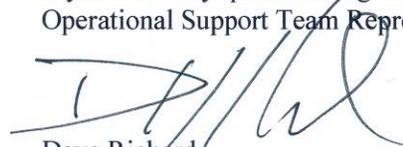
C. DMA-5179, MAABD Eligibility Overview Chart is updated.

D. Basic Medicaid Eligibility Chart is updated and posted on the [DHB website](#).

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

April 1, 2019

If you have any questions regarding information in this change notice, please contact your Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative.



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