

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 03-25, 2025 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHANGES (FPL) INCOME CHANGES

DATE: APRIL 1, 2025

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 03-25

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 2025 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income limits effective April 1, 2025.

In addition to FPL annual adjustments, The Division of Health Benefits (DHB) has updated Medicaid policy sections MA-2180, Health Coverage for Worker with Disabilities (HCWD), MA-2230, Financial Resources, and MA-2311, LIS Processing and Case Maintenance in order to provide clarity and/or corrections to previously published guidance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (ABD).

II. POLICY UPDATE

A. MA-2180.IV.I – HCWD Premiums Income chart has been updated.

B. MA-2230 - Resources limit has been updated.

C. MA-2311 - LIS Processing and Case Maintenance

- 1. Section I. Introduction:** The previous policy section information has been moved to Section II. Overview. This section has also been updated with reference to The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) and Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (MQB).
- 2. Section II. Overview:** A new section has been created. This section provides instructions on applications taken by log agency that are not forwarded to SSA.
- 3. Section IV. Policy Principles:** This section has been updated to include; G. If eligibility is determined by SSA, the applicant must contact SSA for an appeal.
- 4. Section VII. Determining Eligibility For The LIS:** This section has been updated to include; B. Determine the countable resources and use the LIS Countable Resources Table 2 below.
- 5. MA-2311- LIS Processing and Case Maintenance resource limit have been updated.**

6. MA-2311 LIS Processing and Case Maintenance Table 1, 2 and 3 have been updated.
7. Reference to the DMA-1054, Report of Approval/Denial of LIS Application has been removed.
8. The following forms have been renamed:
 - a. DMA-1051 to DHB-1051
 - b. DMA-1052 to DHB-1052 and
 - c. DMA-1053 to DHB-1053.
9. Throughout all sections of MA-2311 terminology, policy references and NC FAST related processes have been updated and/or added.

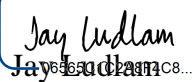
III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

The 2025 FPL income limit increase is effective April 1, 2025.

Medicare Help Extra resource limits are effective January 1, 2025.

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

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