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TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: 2006 Medicaid Only Income Exemption and Resource Levels

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2006

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Due to a 4.1% cost of living adjustment for SSA payments effective January 1, 2006, several figures used in determining Medicaid eligibility must be updated. Effective January 1, 2006, Medicaid eligibility must be determined using the following updated figures:

1. Medicaid income level for 1 is \$692/month or \$8,300/year.
2. Medicaid income level for 2 is \$900/month* or \$10,800/year.
3. Medicaid income level for 3 is \$1,017/month or \$12,200/year.
4. Medicaid income level for 4 is \$1,025/month or \$12,300/year.
5. Medicaid income level for 5 is \$1,034/month or \$12,400/year.
6. Medicaid resource levels are changed to \$4,150, \$5,400, \$6,100, \$6,150 and \$6,200 for households 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The income and resource levels for other size households remain the same as 2005.
7. Family Health Plus resource levels are changed to \$12,450, \$16,200, \$18,300, \$18,450, \$18,600 for households 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, respectively. The resource levels for other size households remain the same as 2005.
8. The Supplemental Security Income federal benefit rate (FBR) for an individual is \$603/single and \$904/couple.
9. The allocation amount is \$301, the difference between the federal benefit rate for two (\$904) and one (\$603).
10. The 249e factors are .961 and .194.
11. The SSI resource levels remain \$2,000 for individuals and \$3,000 for couples.
12. The state supplement is \$87 for an individual and \$104 for a couple.
13. The Medicare Part A premium is \$393 per month.
14. The Medicare Part B premium increases to \$88.50 per month.
15. Maximum federal Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$99,540.
16. Maximum State Community Spouse Resource Allowance is \$74,820.
17. Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance is \$2,489.
18. Maximum Family Member Allowance is \$557 (estimated).
19. Family Member Allowance formula number used is \$1,669 (estimated).
20. Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA): Non-Blind \$860/month, Blind \$1,450/month, Trial Work Period (TWP) \$620/month.
21. SSI-related student earned income disregard limit of \$1,460 monthly up to a maximum of \$5,910 annually.
22. Please refer to MBL Transmittal 05-06 for the 2006 federal poverty levels and SSI Benefit Levels.

A chart with the new Medicaid levels is attached.

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*This figure, which will be reflected on MBL for households of two, is composed of an income standard of \$867 (calculated in accordance with SSL Section 366(2)(a)(7)) and an additional federally approved income disregard of \$33.

For cases with households of 2 who are rebudgeted, this change is effective January 1, 2006. For cases not rebudgeted, implementation will be at next client contact or recertification, whichever occurs first.

MBL has been programmed to use these figures when a From Date of January 1, 2006 or greater is entered. Upstate mass rebudgeting occurred on November 24, 2005. For Upstate, these changes were available on production November 25, 2005. Information regarding New York City mass rebudgeting is forthcoming.

Please direct any questions to the Local District Liaison Unit at 518-474-8887 Upstate and 212-417-4500 for NYC.

Medicaid-Only, Annual and (**Monthly**) Income and Resource
Standards and Federal Poverty Lines Effective January 2006

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ONE	TWO	THREE	FOUR	FIVE	SIX	SEVEN	EIGHT	EACH ADD' L PERSON
MA INCOME	8,300 692	10,800 900	12,200 1,017	12,300 1,025	12,400 1,034	13,600 1,134	15,300 1,275	17,000 1,417	1,700 142
100% FPL	10,050 838	13,350 1,113	16,650 1,388	19,950 1,663	23,250 1,938	26,550 2,213	29,850 2,488	33,150 2,763	3,300 275
120% FPL	12,060 1,005	16,020 1,335							
133% FPL	13,367 1,114	17,756 1,480	22,145 1,846	26,534 2,212	30,923 2,577	35,312 2,943	39,701 3,309	44,090 3,675	4,389 366
135% FPL	13,568 1,131	18,023 1,502							
150% FPL	15,075 1,257	20,025 1,669	24,975 2,082	29,925 2,494	34,875 2,907	39,825 3,319	44,775 3,732	49,725 4,144	4,950 413
185% FPL	18,593 1,550	24,698 2,059	30,803 2,567	36,908 3,076	43,013 3,585	49,118 4,094	55,223 4,602	61,328 5,111	6,105 509
200% FPL	20,100 1,675	26,700 2,225	33,300 2,775	39,900 3,325	46,500 3,875	53,100 4,425	59,700 4,975	66,300 5,525	6,600 550
250% FPL	25,125 2,094	33,375 2,782	41,625 3,469	49,875 4,157	58,125 4,844	66,375 5,532	74,625 6,219	82,875 6,907	8,250 688
RESOURCES (ASSETS)	4,150	5,400	6,100	6,150	6,200	6,800	7,650	8,500	850
FHP RESOURCES	12,450	16,200	18,300	18,450	18,600	20,400	22,950	25,500	2,550