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**SUBJECT:** Earned Income Disregard (EID)

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This GIS advises local districts of the revision of the Earned Income Disregard (EID) to 55%, effective June 1, 2006.

Effective June 1, 2006, the EID will change from 54% to 55% of earned income. The poverty levels used to calculate the EID reflect those published in the Federal Register in January 2006. As required by Social Services Law Section 366 (1) (a) (8), Medicaid uses the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) standards as they existed on November 1, 1997. Medicaid uses the November 1, 1997 shelter allowances in determining the TANF standard.

The EID for TANF recipients is a different percentage because Temporary Assistance (TA) uses different shelter standards.

MBL transmittal 06-2 Upstate and transmittal 06-3 in New York City informs districts that budgets with effective From-Dates of June 1, 2006 or later will use the EID of 55%. This change will be available on production March 27, 2006 Upstate and in New York City on March 20, 2006. Budgets with effective From-Dates prior to June 1, 2006, will continue to use 54%.