TO: Local District Commissioners, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Changes to MBL for the Medicaid Buy-In Program for Working People
        with Disabilities (MBI-WPD)

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 18, 2010

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The purpose of this General Information System (GIS) message is to inform
local departments of social services (LDSS) of changes for the Medicaid Buy-In
Program for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) data entry and SSI-
related (SSI-R) MBL output screens.

Effective with the October 18th migration, for any SSI-related community
budget with an effective date of November 1, 2010 or later, MBI-WPD Expanded
Eligibility Codes "V" (MBI-WPD SSI-Related Budgeting Prior to MBI-WPD
Budgeting) and "W" (MBI-WPD Only) will be disabled. MBI-WPD eligibility will
no longer be displayed on the Expanded Eligibility screen. For SSI-related
Budget Types 04, 05, 06 and 08, MBI-WPD eligibility will be displayed on the
SSI-Related MBL budget output screen just below the Earned Income section.
This new section will consist of three lines: the individual's MBI-WPD Net
Income Amount; the individual's eligibility (at 150% or 250% FPL) or
ineligibility due to excess income and/or resources; and the amount of MBI-WPD
premium, if applicable. See below for a sample MBL budget screen for an
individual eligible at 150%.

Note: There continues to be a moratorium on premium collection.

When calculating an SSI-related community budget, eligibility for the MBI-WPD
program will automatically be displayed even if there is no earned income in
the Earned Income section. As work is a requirement of the MBI-WPD program,
the LDSS must verify that there is work activity and earned income before
eligibility under the MBI-WPD program is authorized.

LDSS Reminders

At renewal or when performing an undercare change, if an individual has an
Individual Categorical Code (ICC) of "70" (Medicaid Buy-In Disabled Basic
Group) or "71" (Medicaid Buy-In Medically Improved) and there is no earned
income in the budget, the worker must check to see if the individual is in a
grace period. If there is no grace period, the worker must determine if one
is needed and take the appropriate steps. For further information on grace
periods, see 04 OMM/ADM-5, pages 6-8 and 10 OHIP/ADM-2, page 5. If a grace
period has been exhausted or the individual is ineligible for a grace period,
Medicaid eligibility cannot be continued under the MBI-WPD program. If an
individual had been participating in the MBI-WPD Basic Group (ICC of 70),
eligibility must be re-determined under an SSI-related budget (Medicaid Income
Level) or under an ADC-related budget, if eligible. The individual is given a
choice between the two budget types. If an individual was in the MBI-WPD
Medical Improvement Group (ICC 71), eligibility cannot be re-determined using

an SSI-related budget as the individual does not meet the disability criteria. In either situation, the ICC of "70" or "71" must be changed to reflect the appropriate category.

It should be noted that a Continuing Disability Review (CDR) must be completed for a Medical Improvement Group individual (ICC 71) if the following conditions apply: the individual is on an expiring Change of Medical Condition Grace Period; the individual continues to work, though less than the required 40 hours a month or minimum wage; and the individual's medical condition has not improved. The CDR will determine if the individual is disabled so that eligibility may be considered in the MBI-WPD Basic Coverage Group. If not, the budget must be changed to a Budget Type 01 or 02 as appropriate.

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WBTMA   A SSI BUDGET VERSION   DISTRICT 92   10/13/10

CASE NAME   CASE NO.   OFC UNIT   WRKR   TRN   BT   CA   DM   LA   NO-DM

MBI-WPD PROP SCREEN SCRATCHPAD   NYS   MBL   02   05   02   4   2

---------------------UNEARNED INCOME----------------------   -----------EARNED INCOME-------------

LN C N I SR P AMOUNT CD EXEMPT CD EXEMPT   LN   C   N   I   SRC   PER

0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0 QMB
0	0	0 ELIG
0	0	0
0	0	0

GROSS INC	0
65 EXM AMT	0
0 COURT SUPPORT	0
0 BLIND/WK –RL	0
1 / 2 REM	0
0 INSURANCE	0

-----------------RESOURCES----------------   *******MA SUMMARY*****

LN N RES-AMT DEM-AMT EXCESS

RES-AMT	DEM-AMT	EXCESS			
0	0	0	**PA STD**		
0	0	0	***MA LEVEL**		
0	0	0	**TOT NET INC U**		
0	0	0	**CD/MONTHLY**	**0**	**MBI-WPD NET INC:** _____
0	0	0			**ELIGIBLE 150%** _____
0	0	0	**MA LEVEL CHILD**	**0**	**MBI-WPD PREMIUM** _____
0	0	0	**AMT DEEMED**	**0**	

TOTAL DED   0
TOTAL NET   0

----------ALLOCATIONS--------N TOT NET   CD/MON AMT   N   TOT NET   CD/MON AMT

	N	TOT NET	CD/MON AMT	N	TOT NET	CD/MON AMT
NO OF CHILD	0	0	0	0	0	0
NS CH INC	0	0	0	0	0	0
AFTER ALLOC	0	0	0	EFFECTIVE PER 110110 TO 103111 STORED

ROW=9   COL=36