



# Department of Medicaid

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## Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 111

**Effective Date:** March 1, 2016

**OAC Rules:** 5160:1-3-02.2

**To:** All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

**From:** John B. McCarthy, Director

**Subject:** Medicaid: 2016 Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines for Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD)

**Reason for Change:** On January 25, 2016, the United States Department of Health and Human Services updated the federal poverty level (FPL) income guidelines.

**New Policy:** The FPL income guideline for the MBIWD program has changed effective March 1, 2016.

**Actions Required:** Beginning March 1, 2016, the CDJFS must determine initial and ongoing eligibility for the MBIWD individual using the updated 250% FPL income guideline below:

MBIWD 2016 Monthly FPL Income Guideline	
Individual Income Guideline 250%	\$2,475

Beginning March 1, 2016, the CDJFS must determine MBIWD premiums using the updated 150% and 450% FPL guidelines below:

2016 Monthly FPL Income Guidelines for Premium Calculation		
Family Size	MBIWD 150%	MBIWD 450%
1	\$1,485	\$4,455
2	\$2,003	\$6,008
3	\$2,520	\$7,560
4	\$3,038	\$9,113
5	\$3,555	\$10,665
6	\$4,073	\$12,218

A mass change will **not** be run for MBIWD individuals.

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For individuals who are already approved for MBIWD, the CDJFS is required to rerun the budgets, which includes recalculating the premium. When the CDJFS has determined that the updated premium is lower, the CDJFS must reduce the individual's premium obligation; however, if the updated premium is higher, the CDJFS shall not increase the premium until the MBIWD individual's annual redetermination.

A CRIS-E View Flash Bulletin (CLVB) is issued with the information contained in this MEPL. The current income standards can be found in CRIS-E reference table TMEP.

Medicaid Eligibility Policy Letter No. 99 is obsolete upon the effective date of this MEPL.

This information is also available on the Internet and may be accessed on the ODM website at:

<http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODMGuidance.aspx#1535541-medicaid-policy>