



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 124

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To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: Barbara R. Sears, Director

Subject: Medicaid: 2017 Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines for Low-Income Medicare Premium Assistance Programs (MPAP)

Reason for Change: On January 26, 2017, the United States Department of Health and Human Services updated the federal poverty level (FPL) income guidelines.

New Policy: Federal poverty level income guidelines for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), Qualified Individuals-1 (QI-1), and Qualified Working Disabled Individuals (QWDI) Medicaid programs will change effective April 1, 2017.

The FPL increase affects the following Medicaid FPL income guidelines. The FPL guidelines will be updated in Ohio Benefits. The increased amounts for 2017 are in **bold** print (below).

Program	Single	Couple
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) 100% FPL	\$1,005 \$990 (2016)	\$1,354 \$1,335 (2016)
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) 120% FPL	\$1,206 \$1,188 (2016)	\$1,624 \$1,602 (2016)
Qualified Individuals-1 (QI-1) 135% FPL	\$1,357 \$1,337 (2016)	\$1,827 \$1,803 (2016)
Qualified Working Disabled Individuals (QWDI) 200% FPL	\$2,010 \$1,980 (2016)	\$2,707 \$2,670 (2016)

Action Required: The tables in Ohio Benefits will be updated with the 2017 FPL Income Guidelines effective April 1, 2017.

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For individuals who are already approved for MPAP, the CDJFS is required to rerun the budgets using the updated FPL income guidelines and to apply the 2017 Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) that was disregarded until the implementation of the FPL increase.

Additionally, a list of individuals who were denied or discontinued for MPAP since February 10, 2017 at 5:00pm will be provided to the CDJFS to rerun eligibility using the updated FPL income guidelines.

Medicaid Eligibility Policy Letter No. 110 is obsolete upon the effective date of this MEPL.