

**Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 134**

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2018

**OAC Rules:** 5160:1-6-07 and 5160:1-6-07.1

**To:** All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

**From:** Barbara R. Sears, Director

**Subject:** Medicaid: 2018 Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and Excess Shelter Allowance (ESA) Standards

**Reason for Change:** Annual changes to the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and the Excess Shelter Allowance (ESA) standards are effective with the second quarter following publication of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines, per federal requirements established in 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d). The Department of Health and Human Services provided the updated FPL guidelines in January, making July 1, 2018, the effective date for the new MMMNA and ESA standards.

This table shows the 2017 standards and the updated 2018 standards in **bold**.

	2017	<b>2018</b>
MMMNA Standard	\$2,030	<b>\$2,057.50</b>
ESA Standard	\$609	<b>\$617.25</b>

**Action Required:**

A Mass Change EDBC Batch will run in Ohio Benefits on all active members with a Long-Term Care (LTC) program block who have a community spouse. If applicable, the Mass Change EDBC Batch will also run for the community spouse's Non-MAGI Base Medicaid.

The Mass Change EDBC Batch will run prior to the last day of adverse action for June to update patient liability and monthly income allowance (MIA) amounts effective July 1, 2018. A journal entry will be automatically entered when the Mass Change EDBC Batch was successful. A Notice of Action (NOA) will be generated advising of any changes.

An alert or report will be provided if the program block is excluded from the Mass Change EDBC Batch. The assigned worker will need to run manual EDBC on these cases, issue a manual NOA, and document with a journal entry.

The information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

**Resources > Publications > ODM Guidance > Medicaid Policy > Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL)**

<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODMGuidance.aspx#161542-medicaid-policy>