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Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL) No. 158

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To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders
From: Maureen M. Corcoran, Director
Subject: Medicaid: 2021 Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and Excess Shelter Allowance (ESA) Standards

Reason for Change: Per federal requirements established in 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d), annual changes to the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and the Excess Shelter Allowance (ESA) standards are effective the second quarter following publication of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines. The Department of Health and Human Services provided the updated FPL guidelines in January. Therefore, July 1, 2021 is the effective date for the new MMMNA and ESA standards.

This table shows the 2020 standards and the updated 2021 standards in bold.

	2020	2021
MMMNA Standard	\$2,155.00	\$2,177.50
ESA Standard	\$646.50	\$653.25

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. Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, if the Mass Change EDBC outcome is a negative change, the EDBC results will NOT be accepted and saved.

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, 2021. 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. If a program block was excluded, the assigned worker will need to run manual EDBC on the case, issue a manual NOA, and document with a journal entry. **If the manual EDBC outcome is not an allowable change per MEPL 150B, the worker shall not accept and save the EDBC results.**

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

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