



MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY MANUAL TRANSMITTAL LETTER NO. 185

To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

Subject: Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD) Income Exclusions, ABD Resource Exclusions, and MAGI Household Composition and Income

This MEMTL contains two rules that have been rescinded and made new from Chapter 5160:1-3 of the Administrative Code, and one rule that has been rescinded and made new from Chapter 5160:1-4 of the Administrative Code, adopted under section 111.15 of the Revised Code.

The effective date is July 1, 2021.

Chapter 3

5160:1-3-03.2 Medicaid: income exclusions.

This rule has been rescinded and made new. This rule was updated to exclude temporary decennial census income from ABD budgeting as a state-selected option under Section 1902(r)(2) of the Social Security Act and to exclude contributions, earned interest, and distributions from a Stephen Beck Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account. Administrative and federal code citations have been updated. Additional updates to terms, dates, and language throughout the rule were made for clarity.

5160:1-3-05.14 Medicaid: resource exclusions.

This rule has been rescinded and made new. The title of this rule has been changed from “Medicaid: resource exclusion” to “Medicaid: resource exclusions”. This rule was updated to clarify treatment of funds and interest held in, or distributions from, a Stephen Beck Jr., Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) account. Administrative and federal code citations have been updated. Additional updates to terms, dates, and language throughout the rule were made for clarity.

Chapter 4

5160:1-4-01 MAGI-based medicaid: household composition and income.

This rule has been rescinded and made new. The title of this rule has been changed from “MAGI-based medicaid: income and household income” to “MAGI-based medicaid: household composition and income”. This rule was updated to clarify the household composition of tax

filers, tax dependents, and non-filers. Language was added regarding possible verification of pregnancy if the inclusion of the fetus in the family size makes the pregnant individual income-eligible for medical assistance. The state-selected option to use a reasonably predictable changes (RPC) income methodology to prorate income from expected future changes over a twelve-month period was added. The following legislative changes were added to the rule: Bipartisan Budget Act (BBA) of 2018, Helping Ensure Access for Little ones, Toddlers, and Hopeful Youth by Keeping Insurance Delivery Stable (HEALTHY KIDS) Act, and Tax Cuts and Jobs Act. Administrative and federal code citations have been updated. Additional updates to terms, dates, and language throughout the rule were made for clarity.

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