



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 127

Effective Date: October 1, 2017

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: 2017 Standard Utility Allowance Increase

Reason for Change: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Office of Family Assistance, with approval from the federal Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), is increasing the Standard Utility Allowance (SUA) for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) from \$513 to \$530 effective October 1, 2017. As a result of the increase, the SUA used in the determination of the minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance (MMMNA) for long-term care budgeting is also being increased. The increase in the SUA may result in a decreased patient liability for affected long-term care individuals.

Action Required:

A mass change will run on all Long-Term Care (LTC) cases that contain a community spouse prior to the last day of adverse action for September to update patient liability amounts effective October 1, 2017. A notice of action (NOA) will be generated to any individual or their authorized representative in an affected program block. A journal entry will be automatically entered when the mass change run was successful.

If a program block meets any of the following criteria, mass change will not be run and an alert or report will be provided. The assigned worker will need to run EDBC on these cases, issue a NOA, and document with a journal entry.

- A status of "Denied", "Discontinued", "Ineligible", or "Pending";
- An EDBC Override as the last accepted result;
- One or more individuals with a pending eligibility status;
- Missing date of birth for any active program person;
- Missing relationship status between case persons;
- No active person in a program block for the benefit month;
- No assigned worker;
- A last EDBC source of "Conversion"; or
- Any active program person with a verification status of pending.