



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 145

Effective Date: August 26, 2019

OAC Rules: 5160:1-5-03

To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

Subject: Medicaid: medicaid buy-in for workers with disabilities (MBIWD) premium calculation

Reason for Change: The Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is implementing policy changes when calculating premiums for Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD) effective August 26, 2019. The policy changes include descriptions of premium calculations when the annual net family income is less than or equal to four hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level (FPL) and greater than four hundred fifty percent of the federal poverty level. Ohio Benefits shall be updated to support the policy changes with Release 3.5 and in production on August 26, 2019; however, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rule 5160:1-5-03, which contains the policy changes, will be made available and accompanied by a MEMTL at a later date. MEPL 145 shall serve as policy until the revised OAC rule 5160:1-5-03 is available.

Prior Policy: When calculating the MBIWD premium, the annual net family income was multiplied by ten percent when the income was less than, equal to, or greater than four hundred fifty percent of the FPL. Also, language was absent from the policy describing calculation of the premium amount when the annual net family income was greater than four hundred fifty percent of the FPL.

New Policy: When calculating the MBIWD premium, the ten percent multiplier is only applicable when the annual net family income is greater than four hundred fifty percent of the FPL.

Calculating a MBIWD Premium.

An individual eligible for MBIWD whose individual income exceeds one hundred fifty percent of the FPL for one person must pay a premium determined as follows (rounded down to the nearest dollar at each step):

1. From the gross annual family income at the time of application and subsequent renewals for MBIWD, the administrative agency shall subtract one hundred fifty percent of the FPL for the family size;
2. Subtract the individual's impairment-related work expenses, blind work expenses, and/or medical remedial expenses;
3. The result is the annual net family income;
 - a. If the annual net family income is less than or equal to four hundred fifty per cent of the FPL for the family size, multiply the individual's gross annual income by seven and one half per cent.
 - b. If the annual net family income is greater than four hundred fifty percent of the FPL for the family size, multiply the annual net family income by ten percent.
4. Subtract the amount of medical insurance premiums, including Medicare premiums, paid by the family; and
5. Divide the amount by twelve and round down to the nearest whole dollar. This is the individual's monthly premium.

Action Required: MBIWD calculations on or after August 26, 2019, shall be determined by applying the policy contained in this MEPL.

An Ohio Benefits Project Website Announcement will be issued with the information contained in this MEPL.

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)

<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODM-Guidance#161542-medicaid-policy>