



STATE OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UNIT

MEMORANDUM

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA-03-2011

TO: All DMMA Staff

DATE: April 26, 2011

SUBJECT: CORRECTED Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities 2011 Income Standards

BACKGROUND

The Medicaid for Worker's with Disabilities Program applies two income tests to determine financial eligibility. One income test is applied to unearned income and one is applied to countable income.

The Social Security Administration typically implements an annual cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) effective every January. The amount of the COLA is based on data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics and is derived from changes in the Consumer Price Index. The percentage of the cost of living increase is used to compute an unearned income disregard for the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD) Program

The 2011 Federal Poverty Level guidelines were announced in the Federal Register on January 20, 2011. The Federal Poverty Level guidelines are used to compute countable income eligibility standards for the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD) Program.

DISCUSSION

An applicant's unearned income must be at or below \$956.00/month. This amount is increased each year at the same rate as the SSA COLA. There was no COLA for 2011. Therefore the unearned income standard remains the same.

The total countable income (earned and unearned) must be at or below 275% of the Federal Poverty Level. The monthly countable income standard is effective January 1 of each year.

Effective January 1, 2011 the monthly income standard for the MWD program will be as follows:

\$2,497.00/individual

\$3,372.00/couple

Monthly premiums are also based on a percentage of the FPL. Below is a chart showing the income range for each premium amount.

Percentage of FPL	Income Range		Monthly Premium Amount
	Single	Couple	
Up to 100%	Up to \$908	Up to \$1,226	\$0
>100% - 125%	\$908.01 - \$1,135	\$1,226 - \$1,533	\$25
>125% - 150%	\$1,135.01 - \$1,362	\$1,533 - \$1,839	\$35
>150% - 175%	\$1,362.01 - \$1,589	\$1,839 - \$2,146	\$45
>175% - 200%	\$1,589.01 - \$1,816	\$2,146 - \$2,452	\$60
>200% - 225%	\$1,816.01 - \$2,043	\$2,452 - \$2,759	\$75
>225% - 250%	\$2,043.01 - \$2,270	\$2,759 - \$3,065	\$90
>250% - 275%	\$2,270.01 - \$2,497	\$3,065 - \$3,372	\$105

ACTION REQUIRED

DCIS II will be updated with the new income standards.

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