



STATE OF DELAWARE

**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE
POLICY & PLANNING UNIT**

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-03-2024

TO: All DMMA & DSS Staff

DATE: January 31, 2024

PROGRAM(S): Long Term Care

SUBJECT: 2024 Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities Countable Income Standards

BACKGROUND

The Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD) 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 2024 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines were announced in the Federal Register on January 17, 2024. The FPL guidelines are used to compute countable income eligibility standards for the Medicaid for Workers with Disabilities (MWD) Program.

DISCUSSION

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

Effective January 1, 2024, the monthly countable income standard for the MWD program will be as follows:

\$ 3,451/individual

\$4,684/couple

During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Delaware Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) received authority to waive premiums for Medicaid Workers with Disabilities (MWD) Program members. This authority was approved to continue during the PHE Unwinding Period until July 1, 2024.

DMMA has received internal state approval, and is in the process of requesting federal authority, effective July 1, 2024, to no longer charge premiums for MWD Program members permanently.

ACTION REQUIRED

The new income limit will be updated in the eligibility system with the appropriate effective date.

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