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To: Income Maintenance Supervisors
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Affected Programs:

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New Supplemental Security Income-Related Categorically Needy Income Limits for Medicaid for the Elderly, Blind or Disabled

CROSS REFERENCE

- Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, [Section 39.4 Elderly, Blind, Or Disabled Assets and Income Tables](#)
- 42 CFR § 435.601

EFFECTIVE DATE

August 1, 2020

PURPOSE

This operations memo announces a change in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-related categorically needy income limits for Medicaid for the Elderly, Blind or Disabled (EBD Medicaid). The new limits will be fixed amounts and will no longer be based on the applicant or member's actual shelter costs.

BACKGROUND

Prior to the change announced in this memo, Wisconsin's SSI-related categorically needy income limits were:

- \$605.78 plus actual shelter costs up to \$261.00 for a group size of one.
- \$915.38 plus actual shelter costs up to \$391.67 for a group size of two.

POLICY

Effective for the August 2020 benefit month, the SSI-related categorically needy income limits will be:

- \$866.78 for a group size of one.

- \$1,307.05 for a group size of two.

Beginning with eligibility determinations for the August 2020 benefit month, the shelter cost allowance will no longer be included in member budgets for EBD Medicaid programs that use the SSI-related categorically needy income limits (see Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, [Section 24.1 SSI-Related Medicaid Introduction](#) and [Section 25.0 Special Status Medicaid Introduction](#)).

A CARES mass change will run the weekend of June 27, 2020, to update affected cases using the new income limits. Workers will be required to run cases that are not updated automatically.

CONTACTS

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