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Re: **Medicaid Eligibility Handbook Release 12-01**

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EFFECTIVE DATE

The following policy additions or changes are effective 03/21/12, unless otherwise noted. **Yellow text denotes new text. Text with a strike through it in the old policy section denotes deleted text.**

CHANGES

Apps and Reviews (Chs. 2-3) > 2 Applications > 2.4 Valid Application

Old Text:
A valid application for Medicaid must include the applicant's:

1. Name,
2. Address, and
3. Signature in the Rights and Responsibilities section of a MA application (F-10101) on the Medicaid, BadgerCare and Family Planning Waiver Registration Application (F-10129), or the BadgerCare Plus Application Packet (F-10182).

The date the application is received by the IM agency with the applicant's name, address and a valid signature is the filing date. Applications must be processed within 30 days of the filing date. (See 2.7 Timeframes)

New Text:
A valid application for Medicaid must include the applicant's:

1. Name,
2. Address, and
3. Signature:
    - in the Signature Section of the Medicaid application (F-10101),
    - on the Medicaid, BadgerCare Plus, and Family Planning Only Services Registration Application (F-10129),
    - in the Signature Section of the BadgerCare Plus Application Packet (F-10182),
    - an electronic signature in ACCESS, **or**
    - a telephonic signature

The date the application is received by the IM agency with the applicant's name, address and a valid signature is the filing date. If an application is received after 4:30 p.m. or on a weekend or holiday, the date of receipt will be the next business day. This includes paper and online applications. Applications must be processed within 30 days of the filing date. (See 2.7 Timeframes)

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15 Income > 15.1 Income Introduction> 15.1.2 Special Financial Tests for Disabled Minors

The examples were updated with the 2012 amounts and limits, effective 01/01/12.

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15 Income > 15.3 Disregarded Income> 15.3.22 Special Programs

New Text:

Disregard income from all of the following:

1. Active Corp. of Executives (ACE)
2. All wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census 2010
3. Emergency Fuel Assistance
4. Foster Grandparents Program
5. Governmental rent or housing subsidy, including reimbursements due to federal regulatory changes in computing HUD housing rent
6. *Homestead* Tax Credit
7. Low Income Energy Assistance Program
8. Programs funded under Title V of the Older Americans Act of 1965 (15.5.14 Title V - Older Americans Act of 1965), except wages or salaries, which are counted as earned income.
9. Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP)
10. Service Corp. of Retired Executives (SCORE)
11. University Year for Action Program (UYA)
12. Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA)
13. Wisconsin's Family Support Program (s. 46.985, WI Stats.) This program funds the unique needs of severely disabled children. They may be a vendor or a money payment
14. Senior Companion Program
15. AmeriCorps State and National, and AmeriCorps NCCC

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15 Income > 15.5 Earned Income> 15.5.3 Rental Income

Old Text:

When a life estate (See 16.8.1.5 Life Estate) holder moves off the property and the property is rented, count the net rental income the holder is entitled to receive. ~~Net rental income is the gross rental income minus taxes, insurance, and other operational costs~~. The operational costs are the same as the costs the holder was liable for when living on the property.

New Text:

When a life estate (See 16.8.1.5 Life Estate) holder moves off the property and the property is rented, count the net rental income the holder is entitled to receive. The operational costs are the same as the costs the holder was liable for when living on the property.

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15 Income > 15.5 Earned Income> 15.5.10 AmeriCorps

Old Text:

~~Count the living allowance or stipend as earned income. Disregard any child care allowance to the extent is was used to meet child care expenses to participate in AmeriCorps. Disregard any basic health insurance policy, child care services, auxiliary aid and services to people with disabilities and the national service educational award of $4,725 for each year of completed service.~~

New Text:

Disregard any benefit whether cash or in-kind, including but not limited to living allowance payments, stipends, food and shelter, clothing allowance, and educational awards or payments in lieu of educational awards. Disregard any child care allowance to the extent it was used to meet child care expenses to participate in AmeriCorps. Disregard any basic health insurance policy, child care services, auxiliary aid, and services to people with disabilities and the national service.

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 16 Assets > 16.1 Assets Introduction

New Text:

Add together all countable, available assets (See 16.2 Assets Availability), the fiscal group owns including:

1. Joint accounts. (16.4.1 Joint Accounts)
2. Burial Assets (16.5 Burial Assets)

3. Savings account
4. Checking account
5. Cash available
6. Stocks, bonds, CDs.
7. Loans (16.7.2 Loans)
8. Life Insurance (16.7.5 Life Insurance)
9. Non- Burial Trusts (16.6 Non-Burial Trusts)
10. Land Contract (16.7.12 Land Contract)
11. Mortgage (16.7.13 Mortgage)
12. Trailer Home (16.8.1.2 Non-Motorized Trailer Homes)
13. Nonhome *Real Property* . (16.8 Real Property)
14. Some Vehicles (16.7.9 Vehicle, 18.4 Spousal Impoverishment)

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 18 Spousal Impoverishment > 18.4 Spousal Impoverishment Assets> 18.4.3 Calculate the CSAS

Effective 01/01/12:

Old Text:

IF the total countable assets of the couple are:	THEN the CSAS is:
~~$219,120~~ or more	~~$109,560.00~~
Less than ~~$219,120~~ but greater than $100,000	½ of the total countable assets of the couple
$100,000 or less	$50,000

New Text:

IF the total countable assets of the couple are:	Then the CSAS is:
$227,280 or more	$113,640
Less than $227,280 but greater than $100,000	½ of the total countable assets of the couple
$100,000 or less	$50,000

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 18 Spousal Impoverishment > 18.6 Spousal Impoverishment Income Allocation> 18.6.2 Worksheet 7 Section A -- Community Spouse Income Allocation

Effective 01/01/12:

Old Text:

1. Enter on Line 1 the community spouse maximum income allocation. Unless a larger amount is ordered by a fair hearing or court, the maximum allocation is the lesser of:

   a. ~~$2,739.00~~ **or**

New Text:

1. Enter on Line 1 the community spouse maximum income allocation. Unless a larger amount is ordered by a fair hearing or court, the maximum allocation is the lesser of:

   a. $2,841.00 **or**

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 25 Special Status Medicaid > 25.7 Tuberculosis> 25.7.2 Financial Tests

Effective 01/01/12:

Old Text:

Income. The income limit for one person is ~~$1,433~~ This is gross income . There is no net income test.

New Text:

Income - The income limit for one person is $1,481. This is gross income . There is no net income test.

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 29 Family Care Long Term Care (FCLTC) > 29.5 FCLTC Enrollment/ Disenrollment and Intercounty Moves> 29.5.2 Disenrollment> 29.5.2.2 Adverse Action Disenrollment

Old Text:
CARES populates the date when there is ineligibility for Family Care. It is not worker enterable. The date will be an end of month date according to *adverse action* logic, except when the member dies. In this case, the disenrollment date is the date of death.

~~If the disenrollment date on the disenrollment form is earlier than the adverse action closure date, the ES worker should fax the form to the DHCAA Enrollment Specialist at 608-261-7793.~~

It is important to have the correct disenrollment date on file at ForwardHealth interChange. Providers verify eligibility each time a MA recipient has an appointment. The recipient's services may be delayed if the provider verifies through ForwardHealth interChange that the person is enrolled in Family Care when in actuality the disenrollment date on file at ForwardHealth interChange does not match the date on the disenrollment form.

If disenrollment is to occur prior to the date set according to adverse action logic, fax the paper disenrollment form to the DHCAA Enrollment Specialist at (608) 261-7793. The request will then be forwarded to the fiscal agent for entry in ForwardHealth interChange.

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 32 Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) > 32.2 QMB> 32.2.1 QMB Introduction

Old Text:
If the person does not belong to one of the above named groups, s/he must:

1. Be non-financially eligible for Medicaid.
2. Be entitled to Medicare Part A.

New Text:
If the person does not belong to one of the above named groups, s/he must:

1. Be non-financially eligible for Medicaid or BadgerCare Plus.
2. Be entitled to Medicare Part A.

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 32 Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) > 32.6 Medicare Savings Programs Asset Limit

Effective 01/01/12:

Old Text:
QMB, *SLMB* , and SLMB+ have the same asset limit.

Group Size	Asset Limit
1	$~~6,680~~
2	$~~10,020~~

New Text:
QMB, *SLMB* , and SLMB+ have the same asset limit.

Group Size	Asset Limit
1	$6,940
2	$10,410

Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39 Tables > 39.4 EBD Assets and Income Tables> 39.4.1 EBD Assets and Income Table

Effective 01/01/12:

New Text:

Group Size				
Category		**1**		**2**
EBD Categorically Needy Limits	**Assets**	$2,000	**Assets**	$3,000
	Income	$549.11 (+ actual shelter up to $232.67)	**Income**	$830.72 (+ actual shelter up to $349.33)
EBD Medically Needy limits	**Assets**	$2,000	**Assets**	$3,000
	Income	$591.67	**Income**	$591.67
SSI Payment Level				
Federal SSI Payment Level	**Income**	$698.00	**Income**	$1,048.00
State Supplementary Payment (SSP)	**Income**	$ 83.78	**Income**	$132.05
Total	**Income**	$781.78	**Income**	$1,180.05
SSI Payment Level + E Supplement	**Income**	$877.77		
SSI E Supplement	**Income**	$95.99		
Community Waivers Special Income Limit	**Income**	$2,094.00	**Income**	
Institutions Categorically Needy Income Limit	**Income**	$2,094.00		
Substantial Gainful Activity limit (non-blind individuals)	**Income**	$1,010		
Substantial Gainful Activity limit (blind individuals)	**Income**	$1690		

Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39 Tables > 39.4 EBD Assets and Income Tables> 39.4.2 EBD Deductions and Allowances

Effective 01/01/12:

New Text:

	Description		Amount
1	Personal Needs Allowance (effective 7/1/01)		$45.00
2	EBD Maximum Personal Maintenance Allowance		$2,094.00
3	EBD Deeming Amount to an Ineligible *Minor*		$350.00
4	Community Waivers Basic Needs Allowance		$878.00
5	Parental Living Allowance for Disabled Minors	**1 Parent** **2 Parent**	$698.00 $1,048.00
6	MAPP Standard Living Allowance (SLA) SLA = SSI + State Supplement + $20		$801.00
7	Community Spouse Lower Income Allocation Limit		$2,451.67
8	Community *Spouse* Excess Shelter Cost Limit		$735.50
9	Family *Member* Income Allowance		$612.92

Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39 Tables > 39.5 FPL Table

The FPL table was updated with the new amounts effective 02/01/12. The changes are too numerous to list.