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Topic: Other

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: Income Standards Change

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees
 County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging
 Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families
 Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers
 Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	Federal Poverty Level - Medical, ERDC, SNAP and Post-TANF Income		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 461-155-0180 , OAR 461-155-0235	Release No:	
Effective Date:		Expiration:	
References:	OAR 461-155-0180 and OAR 461-155-0235		
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation: The annual adjustment to the federal poverty guidelines was released January 19, 2011, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

OHP Income Standards – With these new federal poverty level (FPL) amounts, the

Oregon Health Plan (OHP) medical assistance program income standards were updated effective January 20, 2011.

Click on the links in this transmittal to access the Combined Standards ([DHS 5530](#)) form. The OHP Standards are effective in the CM system February 1, 2011 (day after end-of-month processing). Start using the new OHP income standards immediately to determine eligibility. If you have an individual who is applying and eligible for OHP except that the countable income exceeds the old OHP income standard but is less than the new standard, wait until after January end of month processing to code medical eligibility.

ERDC – The ERDC standards change is effective February 1. The new standards are included in the linked Combined Standards ([DHS 5530](#)) chart. The CM system will be updated on February 1, 2011. Remember that the copay amounts are not changing, only the income cap.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) – The SNAP program 185 percent categorical eligibility standard is changed effective February 1. The new standards are included in the linked Combined Standards ([DHS 5530](#)) chart. The 185 percent will be updated on FSMIS February 1, 2011. If you have a filing group that is applying and eligible for SNAP with income above the old 185 percent level but below the new one, wait until we notify you that FSMIS has been updated to code their case. The other SNAP income standards will not change until the annual update on October 1, 2011.

Post-TANF – The Post-TANF standards change is effective February 1, 2011, in the CM system. The new standards are included in the linked Combined Standards ([DHS 5530](#)) chart.

Medicare Savings Programs (MSP) – QMB/SMB/SMF and OSIPM-EPD income standards will not be adjusted until March 1, 2011.

Manual Updates – The Family Services Manual (FSM) and Administrative Rules Manual (ARM) releases for January 24, 2011, will contain the new standards. The online ARM and the FSM will be updated this week.

Contacts

If you have any questions regarding the new OHP income standards, please contact Joyce Clarkson at 503-945-6106, Michelle Mack at 503-947-5129, Vonda Daniels at 503-945-6088, Jewel Kallstrom at 503-947-2316, Audray Hunter at 503-947-5519 or Carol Berg at 503-945-6072.

If you have any questions regarding the new ERDC income standards, please contact Shiela Carter at 503-945-6110 or Sandy Ambrose at 503-945-6092.

If you have any questions regarding the new Post-TANF income standards, please contact Tracy O'Donnell, 503-945-6094.

If you have any questions regard QMB income standards, please contact Lauren Mitchell, 503-945-6479.

If you have any questions regarding the new SNAP categorical eligibility income limit, please contact, Sandy Ambrose at 503-945-6092, Dawn Myers at 503-945-7018, Rosanne Richard at 503-945-5826, Eliza Devlin at 503-947-5105 or Sarah Lambert at 503-945-6220.

Training/Communication Plan: Local review of this transmittal.

Local/Branch Action Required: Review this transmittal with staff.

Central Office Action Required: Update computer systems and the manual.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

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