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Topic: Medical Benefits

Subject: CBI Need/Resource Amount

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify): |

Message: There has been confusion on the amount to use for the CBI Need/Resource amount on CBI cases.

In general, the Social Security Administration (SSA) protects individuals from increases in Medicare premiums that exceed increases to Social Security Benefits (SSB). This year there was an increase in the Medicare premium amount, but there was no increase to SSB, so if a client had their Medicare premiums being deducted from their check at the end of 2010, they were protected from the Medicare premium increase in 2011. This means that their premium did not go up. This protection does not apply when the State is paying the premiums.

We began converting clients to CBI back in November, but SSA did not receive the buy-in file with the CBI deletions until January of this year. This means that the State was still paying the premium for these clients when the Medicare premium went up, so when they were converted to CBI, and began paying their own premiums, they were not protected. These clients must pay the higher Medicare premium amount.

The only way to know for sure what exact Part B Premium the client, old or new, is paying is to: check the WQY screens, contact the SSA or read the client benefit documents. This can be done at intake for new clients and recert for ongoing. Use the base rate, currently \$115.40, as the CBI N/R amount until another amount is verified.

The link to the Federal Policy, if you are interested, is:

<https://secure.ssa.gov/apps10/poms.nsf/lnx/0601001004>

If you have any questions about this information, contact:

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