

Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 110

Effective Date: March 1, 2016

OAC Rules: 5160:1-3-02.1, 5160:1-3-02.2, and 5160:1-3-03.5

To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: John B. McCarthy, Director

Subject: Medicaid: 2016 Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines for Low-Income Medicare Premium Assistance Programs (MPAP)

Reason for Change: On January 25, 2016, the United States Department of Health and Human Services updated the federal poverty level (FPL) income guidelines.

New Policy: Federal poverty level income guidelines for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), Qualified Individuals-1 (QI-1), and Qualified Working Disabled Individuals (QWDI) Medicaid programs will change effective March 1, 2016.

The FPL increase affects the following Medicaid FPL income guidelines. This information can be found in CRIS-E in table TMEP. The increased amounts for 2016 are in **bold** print (below).

Program	Single	Couple
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) 100% FPL	\$990 \$981 (2015)	\$1,335 \$1,328 (2015)
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB) 120% FPL	\$1,188 \$1,177 (2015)	\$1,602 \$1,593 (2015)
Qualified Individuals-1 (QI-1) 135% FPL	\$1,337 \$1,325 (2015)	\$1,803 \$1,793 (2015)
Qualified Working Disabled Individuals (QWDI) 200% FPL	\$1,980 \$1,962 (2015)	\$2,670 \$2,655 (2015)

Action Required: Table TMEP will be updated before CRIS-E’s adverse action cut off for March budgets. A mass change for QMB, SLMB, and QI-1 assistance groups will not be run since there was no increase in Title II cost-of-living adjustment (COLA).

A CRIS-E View Flash Bulletin (CLVB) is issued with the information contained in this MEPL. The current income standards can be found in CRIS-E reference table TMEP.

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Medicaid Eligibility Policy Letter No. 98 is obsolete upon the effective date of this MEPL.

This information is also available on the Internet and may be accessed at:

<http://www.medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODMGuidance.aspx#1535541-medicaid-policy>