



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 125

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To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: Barbara R. Sears, Director

Subject: Medicaid: 2017 Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines for Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD)

Reason for Change: On January 26, 2017, the United States Department of Health and Human Services updated the federal poverty level (FPL) income guidelines.

New Policy: The FPL income guideline for the MBIWD program has changed effective April 1, 2017.

Actions Required: Beginning April 1, 2017, the CDJFS must determine initial and ongoing eligibility for the MBIWD individual using the updated 250% FPL income guideline below:

MBIWD 2017 Monthly FPL Income Guideline	
Individual Income Guideline 250%	\$2,513

Beginning April 1, 2017, the CDJFS must determine MBIWD premiums using the updated 150% and 450% FPL guidelines below:

2017 Monthly FPL Income Guidelines for Premium Calculation		
Family Size	MBIWD 150%	MBIWD 450%
1	\$1,508	\$4,523
2	\$2,030	\$6,090
3	\$2,553	\$7,658
4	\$3,075	\$9,225
5	\$3,598	\$10,793
6	\$4,120	\$12,360

The tables in Ohio Benefits will be updated with the 2017 FPL Income Guidelines effective April 1, 2017.

For individuals who are already approved for MBIWD, the CDJFS is required to rerun the budgets, which includes recalculating the premium. When the CDJFS has determined that the updated premium is lower, the CDJFS must reduce the individual's premium obligation; however, if the updated premium is higher, the CDJFS shall not increase the premium until the MBIWD individual's annual renewal.

Additionally, a list of individuals who were denied or discontinued for MBIWD since February 10, 2017 at 5:00pm will be provided to the CDJFS to rerun eligibility determination using the updated FPL income guidelines.

Medicaid Eligibility Policy Letter No. 111 is obsolete upon the effective date of this MEPL.