



Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 132

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To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: Barbara R. Sears, Director

Subject: Medicaid: 2018 Federal Poverty Level Income Guidelines for Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD)

Reason for Change: On January 18, 2018, 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 March 1, 2018.

Actions Required: Beginning March 1, 2018, the CDJFS must determine initial and ongoing eligibility for the MBIWD individual using the updated 250% FPL income guideline below:

MBIWD 2018 Monthly FPL Income Guideline	
Individual Income Guideline 250%	\$2,530

Beginning March 1, 2018, the CDJFS must determine MBIWD premiums using the updated 150% and 450% FPL guidelines below:

2018 Monthly FPL Income Guidelines for Premium Calculation		
Family Size	MBIWD 150%	MBIWD 450%
1	\$1,518	\$4,553
2	\$2,058	\$6,173
3	\$2,598	\$7,793
4	\$3,138	\$9,413
5	\$3,678	\$11,033
6	\$4,218	\$12,653

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For individuals who are already approved for MBIWD, the CDJFS shall not increase the premium until the MBIWD individual's annual renewal. If, prior to the annual renewal, the CDJFS determines that the premium is lower, the CDJFS must reduce the individual's premium obligation.

The tables in Ohio Benefits will be updated with the 2018 FPL Income Guidelines effective March 1, 2018.

Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 125 is obsolete upon the effective date of this MEPL.

The information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

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