



STATE OF DELAWARE  
**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES**  
**DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**  
**POLICY, PLANNING & QUALITY**

**MEMORANDUM**

REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA

TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: August 12, 2019\*(*revised*)

SUBJECT: 2019 Federal Poverty Level and Medical Assistance Income Limits

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**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation announced the 2019 Federal Poverty Level guidelines on January 11, 2019. The Federal Poverty Level guidelines are used to compute income eligibility standards for:

- Parents/Caretaker Relatives
- Pregnant Women
- Infants
- Children
- Adults
- Delaware Healthy Children Program
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1)
- Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI)

**DISCUSSION**

The monthly countable income limits are effective January 1 for parents/caretaker relatives, pregnant women, infants, children, adults, Delaware Healthy Children Program, and QDWIs. The income limits are effective April 1 for QMBs, SLMBs, and QI-1s, who have title II income.

- Parents/Caretaker Relatives must have family income at or below 87% of poverty.
- Pregnant women and infants under age 1 must have family income at or below 212% of poverty. Pregnant women count as 2 (or more) family members.
- Children age 1 through age 5 (under age 6) must have family income at or below 142% of poverty.

- Children age 6 through age 18 (under age 19) must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Adults must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Children in the Delaware Healthy Children Program must have income at or below 212% of poverty.
- A QMB must have income at or below 100% of poverty.
- A SLMB must have income at or below 120% of poverty.
- A QI-1 must have income that is over 120% of poverty but does not exceed 135% of poverty.
- A QDWI must have income at or below 200% of poverty.
- For a family size greater than 10, add \$ 4,420\* to the annual income for each family member.
- The 5% FPL Income Disregard is used when determining eligibility for an individual who is over income under a MAGI-based group using the highest income standard available for the individual.
- The tax filing thresholds for dependents are published annually in IRS Pub 501. The threshold are updated in ASSIST Worker Web to be effective starting in January each year. Single dependents are required to file a tax return if any of the following apply:
  - Countable MAGI based unearned income more than \$1,050 annually
  - Countable MAGI based earned income more than \$12,000 annually
  - Countable MAGI based self-employment income more than \$400 annually

The charts below show the income limits for the various medical assistance programs and the premium amounts for the Delaware Healthy Children Program.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The new income limits will be updated in the eligibility system with the appropriate effective dates.

The eligibility system will identify any cases that were denied or closed due to income between adverse action in December 2018 and the date the new income limits are put into production. Staff will receive a report of these cases and will need to run eligibility for these cases.

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2019 Countable Income Limits for Federal Poverty Level Related Medical Assistance Programs

| Family Size | Annual Income<br>100% FPL         | Monthly Income<br>87% FPL<br>Parents/Caretaker<br>Relatives | Monthly Income<br>133% FPL<br>Age 6 through 18<br>Adults | Monthly Income<br>142% FPL<br>Age 1 through 5 | Monthly Income<br>212% FPL<br>Pregnant Women<br>Infants |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| 1           | 12,490                            | 906   | 1,385  | 1,478   | 2,207   |
| 2           | 16,910                            | 1,226   | 1,874  | 2,001   | 2,987   |
| 3           | 21,330                            | 1,547   | 2,365  | 2,525   | 3,769   |
| 4           | 25,750                            | 1,867   | 2,854  | 3,047   | 4,550   |
| 5           | 30,170                            | 2,187   | 3,344  | 3,570   | 5,330   |
| 6           | 34,590                            | 2,508   | 3,834  | 4,094   | 6,112   |
| 7           | 39,010                            | 2,828   | 4,324  | 4,616   | 6,892   |
| 8           | 43,430                            | 3,149   | 4,813  | 5,139   | 7,672   |
| 9           | 47,850*                           | 3,470*  | 5,304*   | 5,663*  | 8,455*  |
| 10          | 52,270*                           | 3,790*  | 5,793*   | 6,186*  | 9,235*  |
| Family Size | Monthly Income<br>100% FPL<br>QMB | Monthly Income<br>120% FPL<br>SLMB                          | Monthly Income<br>135% FPL<br>QI-1                       | Monthly Income<br>200% FPL<br>QDWI            |   |
| 1           | 1,041                             | 1,249   | 1,405  | 2,082   |   |
| 2           | 1,409                             | 1,691   | 1,902  | 2,818   |   |

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2019 Monthly Premium Based on Countable Family Income % of FPL

| Family Size | Monthly Income Ages 6-18<br>134% - 142%<br>Premium \$10 Per Family | Monthly Income Ages 1-18<br>143% - 159%<br>Premium \$10 Per Family | Monthly Income Ages 1-18<br>160% - 176%<br>Premium \$15 Per Family | Monthly Income Ages 1-18<br>177% - 212%<br>Premium \$25 Per Family |
|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| 1           | 1,395 - 1,478  | 1,489 - 1,655  | 1,666 - 1,832  | 1,843 - 2,027  |
| 2           | 1,888 - 2,001  | 2,015 - 2,240  | 2,256 - 2,482  | 2,494 - 2,987  |
| 3           | 2,383 - 2,525  | 2,543 - 2,827  | 2,845 - 3,129  | 3,147 - 3,769  |
| 4           | 2,876 - 3,047  | 3,069 - 3,412  | 3,434 - 3,777  | 3,798 - 4,550  |
| 5           | 3,369 - 3,570  | 3,595 - 3,997  | 4,022 - 4,425  | 4,450 - 5,330  |
| 6           | 3,863 - 4,094  | 4,123 - 4,584  | 4,613 - 5,074  | 5,103 - 6,112  |
| 7           | 4,356 - 4,616  | 4,649 - 5,169  | 5,202 - 5,722  | 5,754 - 6,892  |
| 8           | 4,849 - 5,139  | 5,175 - 5,754  | 5,790 - 6,369  | 6,406 - 7,672  |
| 9           | 5,343* - 5,663*  | 5,703* - 6,341*  | 6,381* - 7,019*  | 7,059* - 8,455*  |
| 10          | 5,837* - 6,186*  | 6,229* - 6,926*  | 6,970* - 7,667*  | 7,710* - 9,235*  |

| MAGI 5% FPL Income Disregard |                     |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| Family Size                  | 5% Income Disregard |
| 1                            | 52                  |
| 2                            | 70                  |
| 3                            | 89                  |
| 4                            | 107                 |
| 5                            | 126                 |
| 6                            | 144                 |
| 7                            | 163                 |
| 8                            | 181                 |
| 9                            | 199*                |
| 10                           | 218*                |

| Delaware Healthy Children Program     |                |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2019 Countable Income Limits 212% FPL |                |
| Family Size                           | Monthly Income |
| 1                                     | 2,207          |
| 2                                     | 2,987          |
| 3                                     | 3,769          |
| 4                                     | 4,550          |
| 5                                     | 5,330          |
| 6                                     | 6,112          |
| 7                                     | 6,892          |
| 8                                     | 7,672          |
| 9                                     | 8,455*         |
| 10                                    | 9,235*         |