



**STATE OF DELAWARE**

**DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE**

**POLICY AND PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT UNIT**

**MEMORANDUM**

REPLY TO  
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA 02-2012

TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: January 27, 2012

SUBJECT: 2012 Federal Poverty Level and Medical Assistance Income Limits

**BACKGROUND**

The 2012 Federal Poverty Level guidelines were announced in the Federal Register on January 26, 2012. The Federal Poverty Level guidelines are used to compute income eligibility standards for:

- Low Income Pregnant Women and Children
- Low Income Adults in the Expanded Population
- Family Planning (second year)
- Delaware Healthy Children Program
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1)
- Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI)
- Delaware Prescription Assistance Program (DPAP)

**DISCUSSION**

The monthly countable income limits are effective January 1 for pregnant women and children, adults in the expanded population, Family Planning, Delaware Healthy Children Program and QDWIs. The income limits are effective February 1 for the Delaware Prescription Assistance Program. The income limits are effective April 1 for QMBs, SLMBs, and QI-1s, who have title II income.

- Pregnant women and infants under age 1 must have family income at or below 200% 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 133% of poverty.
- Children age 6 through age 18 (under age 19) must have family income at or below 100% of poverty.
- Adults in the expanded population must have family income at or below 100% of poverty.
- Children in the Delaware Healthy Children Program must have income at or below 200% of poverty.
- A woman eligible for Family Planning must have income at or below 200% of poverty at the second year redetermination.
- 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 DPAP, an individual must have income at or below 200% of poverty
- For a family size greater than 10, add \$3,960 to the annual income for each family member.

The attached charts 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 DCIS with the appropriate effective dates.

DCIS will identify any cases that were denied or closed due to income between 12/20/11 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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2012 Countable Income Limits for Federal Poverty Level Related Medical Assistance Programs

Family Size	Annual income 100% FPL	Monthly Income 100% FPL Age 6 through 18 Uninsured Adults	Monthly Income 133% FPL Age 1 through 5	Monthly Income 200% FPL Pregnant Women Infants Family Planning DPAP
1	11,170	931	1,238	1,862
2	15,130	1,261	1,677	2,522
3	19,090	1,591	2,116	3,182
4	23,050	1,921	2,555	3,842
5	27,010	2,251	2,994	4,502
6	30,970	2,581	3,433	5,162
7	34,930	2,911	3,872	5,822
8	38,890	3,241	4,311	6,482
9	42,850	3,571	4,750	7,142
10	46,810	3,901	5,189	7,802

Family Size	Monthly Income 100% FPL QMB	Monthly Income 120% FPL SLMB	Monthly Income 135% FPL QI-1	Monthly Income 200% FPL QDWI
1	931	1,117	1,257	1,862
2	1,261	1,513	1,703	2,522

Delaware Healthy Children Program  
 2012 Countable Income Limits  
 200% FPL

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1	1,862
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Delaware Healthy Children Program  
 Monthly Premium Based on Countable Family Income  
 % of FPL

Family Size	Monthly Income >100% <= 133% Premium \$10	Monthly Income >133% <= 166% Premium \$15	Monthly Income > 166% <= 200% Premium \$25
1	932 – 1,238	1,239 – 1,546	1,547 – 1,862
2	1,262 – 1,677	1,678 – 2,093	2,094 – 2,522
3	1,592 – 2,116	2,117 – 2,641	2,642 – 3,182
4	1,922 – 2,555	2,556 – 3,189	3,190 – 3,842
5	2,252 – 2,994	2,995 – 3,737	3,738 – 4,502
6	2,582 – 3,433	3,434 – 4,285	4,286 – 5,162
7	2,912 – 3,872	3,873 – 4,832	4,833 – 5,822
8	3,242 – 4,311	4,312 – 5,380	5,381 – 6,482
9	3,572 – 4,750	4,751 – 5,928	5,929 – 7,142
10	3,902 – 5,189	5,190 – 6,476	6,477 – 7,802