



STATE OF DELAWARE

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

**PLANNING & POLICY UNIT
MEMORANDUM**

REPLY TO
ATTN. OF: Administrative Notice DMMA-A-02-2021

TO: All DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: February 10, 2021

SUBJECT: 2021 Federal Poverty Level and Medical Assistance Income Limits

BACKGROUND

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation announced the 2021 Federal Poverty Level guidelines on January 15, 2021. 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 8, add \$ 4,540* 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 thresholds 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 \$1,100 annually
 - Countable MAGI based earned income more than \$12,400 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 2020 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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2021 Countable Income Limits for Federal Poverty Level Related Medical Assistance Programs

Family Size	Annual Income 100% FPL	Monthly Income 87% FPL Parents/Caretaker Relatives	Monthly Income 133% FPL Age 6 through 18 Adults	Monthly Income 142% FPL Age 1 through 5	Monthly Income 212% FPL Pregnant Women Infants
1	\$12,880	\$933	\$1,427	\$1,523	\$2,274
2	\$17,420	\$1,262	\$1,929	\$2,060	\$3,076
3	\$21,960	\$1,592	\$2,433	\$2,598	\$3,879
4	\$26,500	\$1,920	\$2,936	\$3,135	\$4,680
5	\$31,040	\$2,249	\$3,439	\$3,672	\$5,482
6	\$35,580	\$2,579	\$3,943	\$4,210	\$6,285
7	\$40,120	\$2,908	\$4,446	\$4,747	\$7,087
8	\$44,660	\$3,237	\$4,948	\$5,283	\$7,888
9	\$49,200	\$3,567	\$5,453	\$5,822	\$8,692
10	\$53,740	\$3,895	\$5,955	\$6,358	\$9,493

Family Size	Monthly Income 100% FPL QMB	Monthly Income 120% FPL SLMB	Monthly Income 135% FPL QI-1	Monthly Income 200% FPL QDWI
1	\$1,073	\$1,287	\$1,448	\$2,146
2	\$1,451	\$1,741	\$1,958	\$2,902

Delaware Healthy Children Program 2021 Monthly Premium Based on Countable Family Income % of FPL				
Family Size	Monthly Income Ages 6-18 134% - 142% Premium \$10 Per Family	Monthly Income Ages 1-18 143% - 159% Premium \$10 Per Family	Monthly Income Ages 1-18 160% - 176% Premium \$15 Per Family	Monthly Income Ages 1-18 177% - 212% Premium \$25 Per Family
1	1,437-1,523	1,534- 1,706	1,716-1,888	1,899 - 2,274
2	1,944 2,060	2,074 - 2,307	2,321 - 2,553	2,568 – 3,076
3	2,452- 2,598	2,616 – 2,909	2,928- 3,220	3,239 - 3,879
4	2,958 - 3,135	3,157-3,510	3,532 - 3,886	3,908- 4,680
5	3,465- 3,672	3,697-4,111	4,137 – 4,551	4,577 - 5,482
6	3,973- 4,210	4,239-4,714	4,744- 5,218	5,248 - 6,285
7	4,479 - 4,747	4,780-5,315	5,348 - 5,883	5,917 – 7,087
8	4,986 - 5,283	5,321 - 5,916	5,953 - 6,548	6,586 - 7,888
9	5,494*- 5,822*	5,863* - 6,519*	6,560* - 7,216*	7,257* - 8,692*
10	6,000* - 6,358*	6,403* - 7,120*	7,164*- 7,881*	7,926* - 9,493*

MAGI 5% FPL Income Disregard	
Family Size	5% Income Disregard
1	54
2	73
3	92
4	110
5	129
6	148
7	167
8	186
9	205
10	224

Delaware Healthy Children Program	
2021 Countable Income Limits 212% FPL	
Family Size	Monthly Income
1	2,274
2	3,076
3	3,879
4	4,680
5	5,482
6	6,285
7	7,087
8	7,888
9	8,692*
10	9,493*