



HUMAN SERVICES
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INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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DATE:

TO: ISD AND MAD STAFF

FROM: Julie B. Weinberg, Director, Medical Assistance Division
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THROUGH: Roy Burt, Bureau Chief, Eligibility Bureau

BY: Lori Peña, Program Administrator, Eligibility Bureau

RE: Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) Temporary Federal Poverty Level (FPL) Increase
Federal Poverty Limit Change for (MAGI) Pregnant Women Category of Eligibility

Effective April 01, 2014 and ongoing Medical Assistance for Women and Children (MAWC) categories have been transitioning to the new Affordable Care Act (ACA) categories at recertification. Eligibility for ACA categories are evaluated using Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methodology. The result is all MAWC categories should transition to one of the new ACA categories by 3/31/2015 if eligible. The MAWC categories will no longer exist beginning April 01, 2015.

States are required to cover children who, solely as a result of the conversion to MAGI, lose their Medicaid eligibility. To cover these children New Mexico has elected to temporarily raise the highest income limit to allow children who would not otherwise be eligible to remain eligible upon conversion to MAGI.

Currently, the MAGI CHIP income limits are 240% and 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) for children ages 6 thru 18 and 0 thru 5. ASPEN has been updated so that the MAGI CHIP income limits are 245% (0 thru 5) and 307% (6 thru 18) of the FPL.

ASPEN shall evaluate CHIP Medicaid at new FPL standard during recertification of MAWC Children, Children's Medicaid 185%, and CHIP. The recertification date must fall between 4/1/2014 and 3/31/2015. New FPL standard as follows:

1. MAGI CHIP for children 0 thru 5 shall be evaluated at 245% FPL
2. MAGI CHIP for Children 6 thru 18 shall be evaluated at 307% FPL

ASPEN has also been updated to apply MAGI methodology to MAGI Pregnant Women and MAGI Pregnancy Related Services categories correctly using updated FPL and applying the 5 percent of the 100 percent for group size disregard.

The FPLs are as follows:

COE	Description	Current Federal Poverty Limit
PREG	MAGI Pregnant Women/COE300	47%
PRGS	MAGI Pregnancy Services/COE 301	250%

If you have any questions regarding this GI please contact Lori Peña at 505-827-1336 or via email at lori.pena@state.nm.us