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**TO:** Economic Self-Sufficiency Operations Managers  
Economic Self-Sufficiency Program Offices

**FROM:** Lawayne E. Salter, Chief, Program Policy (**Signature on File**)

**SUBJECT:** 2013 Federal Poverty Level Changes and Updated Consolidated  
Need Standards

**EFFECTIVE:**                      **April 1, 2013**

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This memorandum provides staff with the official 2013 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and Consolidated Need Standard (CNS) for Medicaid and Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA). The new figures apply to all pending applications and active cases effective April 1, 2013.

An automated mass change will be completed before pull down in March for April recurring monthly benefits. When the mass change is completed a system broadcast message will be posted on FLORIDA.

There are some cases that cannot be updated by the mass change. These cases will be listed on the Mass Change Exception Report which will be available on the ACCESS Online Systems Homepage. Please see Attachment 4 for exceptions that will be posted and instructions regarding Mass Change Exceptions. When the exception report is available a system broadcast message will be posted on FLORIDA. Staff must address the cases on the exception report by April 30, 2013.

**Reminder SSI-Related Staff:** Figures on the chart that are based on the FPL do not include the \$20 general disregard. Therefore, individuals may have income (if all income is unearned income) up to \$20 more than chart figures and still qualify for the benefits (e.g., MEDS-AD individuals may have income up to \$864). The FLORIDA system TMEP table has been adjusted to include the \$20 disregard for MEDS-ICP.

Policy regarding the \$20 disregard does not apply to programs based on the ICP income standard (ICP, Hospice, HCBS or spousal impoverishment standards) or the family-related MEDS coverage for children.

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Mission: Protect the Vulnerable, Promote Strong and Economically Self-Sufficient Families, and Advance Personal and Family Recovery and Resiliency

Attached are updated versions of appendices A-5, A-7, and A-9 for the ACCESS Florida Program Policy Manual. Appendix A-5 contains the revised 185% FPL income test and CNS for each assistance group size. Appendices A-7 and A-9 reflect the FPL for Family-Related and SSI-Related Medicaid coverage.

If there are any questions, Region office staff may contact Carrie Sheffield for Medicaid at (850) 717-4138, Gary Scott for TCA at (850) 717-4137, and Lynn Rossow at (850) 717-4100 for system related issues.

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Temporary Cash Assistance Income Standards					
			TIER I	TIER II	TIER III
			\$50.01/UP	.01-\$50	0
Filing Unit Size	185% of FPL	CNS (100 % of FPL)	Payment Standard	Payment Standard	Payment Standard
0.5			90	77	48
1	1,772	958	180	153	95
1.5			211	179	119
2	2,392	1,293	241	205	158
2.5			272	231	182
3	3,011	1,628	303	258	198
3.5			334	284	222
4	3,631	1,963	364	309	254
4.5			395	335	278
5	4,251	2,298	426	362	289
5.5			457	388	313
6	4,871	2,633	487	414	346
6.5			518	440	370
7	5,490	2,968	549	467	392
7.5			580	493	416
8	6,110	3,303	610	519	438
8.5			641	545	462
9	6,730	3,638	671	570	485
9.5			702	596	509
10	7,350	3,973	733	623	534
10.5			764	649	557
11	7,969	4,308	795	676	582
11.5			826	702	606
12	8,589	4,643	857	728	630
12.5			888	754	654
13	9,209	4,978	919	781	678
13.5			950	807	702
14	9,829	5,313	981	834	726
14.5			1,012	860	750
15	10,448	5,648	1,043	887	774
15.5			1,074	913	798
16	11,068	5,983	1,105	940	822
16.5			1,136	966	846
17	11,688	6,318	1,167	993	870
17.5			1,198	1,019	894
18	12,308	6,653	1,229	1,046	918
18.5			1,260	1,072	942
19	12,927	6,988	1,291	1,099	966
19.5			1,322	1,125	990
20	13,547	7,323	1,353	1,152	1,014
20.5			1,384	1,178	1,038
21	14,167	7,658	1,415	1,205	1,062
21.5			1,446	1,231	1,086
22	14,787	7,993	1,477	1,258	1,110
22.5			1,508	1,284	1,134
23	15,406	8,328	1,539	1,311	1,158
23.5			1,570	1,337	1,182
24	16,026	8,663	1,601	1,364	1,206
Additional. Person	+620	+335	(.5) +31 (1) +62	(.5) +26 (1) +52	(.5) +24 (1) +48
Effective Date	April 2013	April 2013	July 1996	July 1996	July 1996

**Note:** 1/2 benefit increase is for households that have members that are subject to Family Cap.

### Appendix A-5

## Family – Related Medicaid Income & Asset Limit Chart

Family Size	MEDS for Children & Pregnant Women (PW) Income Limits				Family Medicaid (1931) & Medically Needy		Asset Limits		
	100% Ages	133% Ages	185% PEPW	200% Ages	CNS	Income Level	MEDS	Family Medicaid (1931)	Medically Needy
	6-18	1-5	PW	Under 1					
1	958	1,274	1,772	1,915	958	180	NONE	2,000	5,000
2	1,293	1,720	2,392	2,585	1,293	241	NONE	2,000	6,000
3	1,628	2,165	3,011	3,255	1,628	303	NONE	2,000	6,000
4	1,963	2,611	3,631	3,925	1,963	364	NONE	2,000	6,500
5	2,298	3,056	4,251	4,595	2,298	426	NONE	2,000	7,000
6	2,633	3,502	4,871	5,265	2,633	487	NONE	2,000	7,500
7	2,968	3,947	5,490	5,935	2,968	549	NONE	2,000	8,000
8	3,303	4,393	6,110	6,605	3,303	610	NONE	2,000	8,500
9	3,638	4,838	6,730	7,275	3,638	671	NONE	2,000	9,000
10	3,973	5,284	7,350	7,945	3,973	733	NONE	2,000	9,500
11	4,308	5,729	7,969	8,615	4,308	795	NONE	2,000	10,000
12	4,643	6,175	8,589	9,285	4,643	857	NONE	2,000	10,500
13	4,978	6,621	9,209	9,955	4,978	919	NONE	2,000	11,000
14	5,313	7,066	9,829	10,625	5,313	981	NONE	2,000	11,500
15	5,648	7,512	10,448	11,295	5,648	1,043	NONE	2,000	12,000
16	5,983	7,957	11,068	11,965	5,983	1,105	NONE	2,000	12,500
17	6,318	8,403	11,688	12,635	6,318	1,167	NONE	2,000	13,000
18	6,653	8,848	12,308	13,305	6,653	1,229	NONE	2,000	13,500
19	6,988	9,294	12,927	13,975	6,988	1,291	NONE	2,000	14,000
20	7,323	9,739	13,547	14,645	7,323	1,353	NONE	2,000	14,500
21	7,658	10,185	14,167	15,315	7,658	1,415	NONE	2,000	15,000
22	7,993	10,631	14,787	15,985	7,993	1,477	NONE	2,000	15,500
23	8,328	11,076	15,406	16,655	8,328	1,539	NONE	2,000	16,000
24	8,663	11,522	16,026	17,325	8,663	1,601	NONE	2,000	16,500
Add. Person	+335	+446	+620	+670	+335	+62	NONE	SAME	+500
Effective Date	April 2013	April 2013	April 2013	April 2013	April 2013	April 1992			April 1992

## Eligibility Standards for SSI-Related Programs – April 2013

Coverage Group	Income Limit	Asset Limit
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Individual*	\$ 710	\$ 2,000
Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Couple*	\$ 1,066	\$ 3,000
ICP/HCBS/Hospice/HCDA Individual	\$ 2,130	\$ 2,000
ICP/HCBS/Hospice/HCDA Couple	\$ 4,260	\$ 3,000
MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Individual (88% FPL)	\$ 844	\$ 5,000
MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Couple	\$ 1,138	\$ 6,000
QMB Individual (100% FPL)	\$ 958	\$ 7,080
QMB Couple	\$ 1,293	\$ 10,620
SLMB Individual (100-120% FPL)	\$ 1,149	\$ 7,080
SLMB Couple	\$ 1,551	\$ 10,620
QI1 Individual (120-135% FPL)	\$ 1,293	\$ 7,080
QI1 Couple	\$ 1,745	\$ 10,620
Working Disabled Individual (200% FPL)	\$ 1,915	\$ 5,000
Working Disabled Couple	\$ 2,585	\$ 6,000
Protected Medicaid	See A-11 and policy in Chapter 2000	
<b><u>Medicare Part B Premium</u></b>	\$ 104.90	
<b><u>Medicare Part A Premium</u></b>	<b>Number of Qualifying Quarters of Employment</b>	
	Free	40 or more
	\$ 243	30 to 39
	\$ 441	Less than 30
<b><u>Personal Needs Allowance</u></b>		
ICP/ICP-MEDS/Hospice (Institution)	\$ 35	
Hospice (Community ) 100% FPL	\$ 958	
Assisted Living Waiver	\$ 788.40	
LTC Community Diversion/PACE (resident of assisted living facility )	Facility Room and Board Charge, plus 20% of the FPL (\$192 individual, \$384 couple)	
<b><u>Spousal Impoverishment</u></b>		
Minimum Monthly Maintenance Income Allowance (MMMIA)**	\$ 1,892	
Excess Shelter Standard**	\$ 568	
Maximum Community Spouse Income Allowance (MMMIA plus excess shelter allowance cannot exceed this figure)	\$ 2,898	
Community Spouse Asset Allocation Standard	\$ 115,920	
<b><u>Home Equity Interest Limit</u></b>	\$ 536,000	
<b><u>Student Earned Income Disregard Limit</u></b>	\$1,730 per month \$6,960 per calendar year	

\* Eligibility for SSI is determined by the Social Security Administration.

\*\* These standards change effective July 1 of each year in accordance with federal law.

## MASS CHANGE EXCEPTION REPORT INSTRUCTIONS

IF the exception reason is:	THE case is on exception list because:	THEN you will need to:
SYSTEM DETERMINED CLOSED	AABC has been previously run by the ESS and the system determined that the assistance group needed to be closed but the ESS did not close on AWAA.	Run AABC and close the case on AWAA.
MNA RECALC REQUIRED	Assistance groups with a community spouse allocation will need the Maintenance Need Allowance recalculated	Run AABC and authorize as appropriate. <b>NOTE:</b> If there are two separate cases (one for the ICP individual and one for the community spouse), you must run AABC and authorize the nursing home case first.
FAIL REASON CODE	AABC comes up with a "fail" condition; the assistance group will be bypassed.	Run AABC and authorize as appropriate (reason code 241).