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

FROM: Julie Reed, Chief, Program Policy
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SUBJECT: 2024 Federal Poverty Level Changes and Updated Consolidated
Need Standards

EFFECTIVE: April 1, 2024

This transmittal provides the 2024 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and Consolidated Need Standards (CNS) to increase the income limits for the Medicaid and Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Programs. The new figures are used in the determination of eligibility for pending applications and open cases in both programs. Refer to Transmittal NO: I-23-11-0022, 2024 Cost of Living Adjustment and Other Changes, for information regarding assistance or coverage groups whose income limits are based on the FPL and/or CNS figures in a pending status.

An automated mass change will be completed before pulldown in March for April and ongoing months. Cases that cannot be updated automatically will be listed on the Mass Change Exceptions Report (MCER) on the ACCESS Online Systems Homepage under exceptions management. Attachment 1 provides the instructions for processing cases listed on the MCER. An email notification will be sent after mass change is completed and the exception report is available. For May benefits to be processed correctly, the MCER must be completed prior to pulldown in April 2024.

The \$20 general disregard is automatically budgeted in the SSI-Related Medicaid Community coverage groups when the gross amount of income is entered on the appropriate screens in FLORIDA. No other action is required to calculate the general disregard in the budgeting process for these coverage groups. This disregard does not apply to coverage groups based on the Long-Term Care income standards (Institutional Care Program (ICP), Hospice, Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) and Program of All-Inclusive Care for the Elderly (PACE)) or Family-Related Medicaid.

Attached are the updated appendices A-5, A-7, A-9 and A-9.1 for the ACCESS Program Policy Manual. Appendix A-5, the Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Income Standards provides the updated 185% FPL income test and 100% of FPL CNS for each assistance group. Appendices A-7, Family-Related Medicaid Income Limits and A-9, SSI-Related Medicaid Coverage Groups provides the updated income limits that are based on the

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FPL. Appendix A-9.1 Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) and Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) provides the updated income limits for the household size based on the FPL.

Regional Program Office with policy questions related to this transmittal should submit them through the Policy Technical Assistance Request Page. Systems related questions should be directed to LaQuetta Anderson at LaQuetta.Anderson@myflfamilies.com.

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Attachment 1
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 | This condition occurs when the budget was previously run, FLORIDA determined the assistance group needed to be closed, but staff did not close the assistance group on the FLORIDA system. | Run AABC and close the case on AWAA. |
| Maintenance Need Allowance (MNA) Recalculation Required | For the Institutional Care Program and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), the Social Security amount is automatically updated when there is a community spouse allocation (CSA). Staff must run EDBC to determine the CSA and if any, patient responsibility. | Run AABC and authorize as appropriate. NOTE: If there are two separate cases (one for ICP/HCBS and one for the community spouse), staff must run EDBC and reauthorize the ICP/HCBS case first. |
| Failure Reason Code 241 (over income) | If during the mass change an assistance group displays a 241-failure reason code, staff must run EDBC and take appropriate action. Food assistance groups which fail due to the mass change will be closed and a termination notice will be sent. | Run AABC and authorize as appropriate. |

Attachment 2

| 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 | 2,322 | 1,255 | 90 | 77 | 48 |
| 1 | | | 180 | 153 | 95 |
| 1.5 | 3,152 | 1,704 | 211 | 179 | 119 |
| 2 | | | 241 | 205 | 158 |
| 2.5 | 3,981 | 2,152 | 272 | 231 | 182 |
| 3 | | | 303 | 258 | 198 |
| 3.5 | 4,810 | 2,600 | 334 | 284 | 222 |
| 4 | | | 364 | 309 | 254 |
| 4.5 | 5,640 | 3,049 | 395 | 335 | 278 |
| 5 | | | 426 | 362 | 289 |
| 5.5 | 6,469 | 3,497 | 457 | 388 | 313 |
| 6 | | | 487 | 414 | 346 |
| 6.5 | 7,299 | 3,945 | 518 | 440 | 370 |
| 7 | | | 549 | 467 | 392 |
| 7.5 | 8,128 | 4,394 | 580 | 493 | 416 |
| 8 | | | 610 | 519 | 438 |
| 8.5 | 8,958 | 4,842 | 641 | 545 | 462 |
| 9 | | | 671 | 570 | 485 |
| 9.5 | 9,787 | 5,290 | 702 | 596 | 509 |
| 10 | | | 733 | 623 | 534 |
| 10.5 | 10,616 | 5,739 | 764 | 649 | 557 |
| 11 | | | 795 | 676 | 582 |
| 11.5 | 11,446 | 6,187 | 826 | 702 | 606 |
| 12 | | | 857 | 728 | 630 |
| 12.5 | 12,275 | 6,635 | 888 | 754 | 654 |
| 13 | | | 919 | 781 | 678 |
| 13.5 | 13,105 | 7,084 | 950 | 807 | 702 |
| 14 | | | 981 | 834 | 726 |
| 14.5 | 13,934 | 7,532 | 1,012 | 860 | 750 |
| 15 | | | 1,043 | 887 | 774 |
| 15.5 | 14,763 | 7,980 | 1,074 | 913 | 798 |
| 16 | | | 1,105 | 940 | 822 |
| 16.5 | 15,593 | 8,429 | 1,136 | 966 | 846 |
| 17 | | | 1,167 | 993 | 870 |
| 17.5 | 16,422 | 8,877 | 1,198 | 1,019 | 894 |
| 18 | | | 1,229 | 1,046 | 918 |
| 18.5 | 17,252 | 9,325 | 1,260 | 1,072 | 942 |
| 19 | | | 1,291 | 1,099 | 966 |
| 19.5 | 18,081 | 9,774 | 1,322 | 1,125 | 990 |
| 20 | | | 1,353 | 1,152 | 1,014 |
| 20.5 | 18,911 | 10,222 | 1,384 | 1,178 | 1,038 |
| 21 | | | 1,415 | 1,205 | 1,062 |
| 21.5 | 19,740 | 10,670 | 1,446 | 1,231 | 1,086 |
| 22 | | | 1,477 | 1,258 | 1,110 |
| 22.5 | 20,569 | 11,119 | 1,508 | 1,284 | 1,134 |
| 23 | | | 1,539 | 1,311 | 1,158 |
| 23.5 | 21,399 | 11,567 | 1,570 | 1,337 | 1,182 |
| 24 | | | 1,601 | 1,364 | 1,206 |
| Add. Person | +830 | +449 | (.5) +31 (1) +62 | (.5) +26 (1) +52 | (.5) +24 (1) +48 |
| Eff. Date | April 2024 | April 2024 | July 1996 | July 1996 | July 1996 |

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

Attachment 3

| Family Related Medicaid Income Limits | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|------------|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------|----------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Family Size | 100% FPL | Adults | | Pregnant Women Including Family Planning and PEPW | | Infants < 1 | | Children | | | MNIL ** See Note Below | MAGI Disregard (5% of 100% FPL) *** See Note Below |
| | | Parents, Caretakers, Children 19 & 20 | Standard Disregard | 185% FPL | Standard Disregard | 200% FPL | Standard Disregard | 1 through 5 | | 6 through 18 *See Note Below | | |
| | | | | | | | | 133% FPL | Standard Disregard | 133% FPL | | |
| 1 | 1,255 | 180 | 109 | 2,322 | 75 | 2,510 | 75 | 1,670 | 88 | 1,670 | 289 | 63 |
| 2 | 1,704 | 241 | 146 | 3,152 | 102 | 3,407 | 102 | 2,266 | 119 | 2,266 | 387 | 85 |
| 3 | 2,152 | 303 | 183 | 3,981 | 129 | 4,304 | 129 | 2,862 | 151 | 2,862 | 486 | 108 |
| 4 | 2,600 | 364 | 221 | 4,810 | 156 | 5,200 | 156 | 3,458 | 182 | 3,458 | 585 | 130 |
| 5 | 3,049 | 426 | 258 | 5,640 | 183 | 6,097 | 183 | 4,055 | 213 | 4,055 | 684 | 152 |
| 6 | 3,497 | 487 | 296 | 6,469 | 210 | 6,994 | 210 | 4,651 | 245 | 4,651 | 783 | 175 |
| 7 | 3,945 | 549 | 333 | 7,299 | 237 | 7,890 | 237 | 5,247 | 276 | 5,247 | 882 | 197 |
| 8 | 4,394 | 610 | 371 | 8,128 | 264 | 8,787 | 264 | 5,844 | 308 | 5,844 | 981 | 220 |
| 9 | 4,842 | 671 | 408 | 8,958 | 291 | 9,684 | 291 | 6,440 | 339 | 6,440 | 1079 | 242 |
| 10 | 5,290 | 733 | 446 | 9,787 | 317 | 10,580 | 317 | 7,036 | 370 | 7,036 | 1179 | 265 |
| 11 | 5,739 | 795 | 484 | 10,616 | 344 | 11,477 | 344 | 7,632 | 402 | 7,632 | 1279 | 287 |
| 12 | 6,187 | 857 | 522 | 11,446 | 371 | 12,374 | 371 | 8,229 | 433 | 8,229 | 1379 | 309 |
| 13 | 6,635 | 919 | 560 | 12,275 | 398 | 13,270 | 398 | 8,825 | 464 | 8,825 | 1479 | 332 |
| 14 | 7,084 | 981 | 598 | 13,105 | 425 | 14,167 | 425 | 9,421 | 496 | 9,421 | 1579 | 354 |
| 15 | 7,532 | 1,043 | 636 | 13,934 | 452 | 15,064 | 452 | 10,018 | 527 | 10,018 | 1,679 | 377 |
| 16 | 7,980 | 1,105 | 674 | 14,763 | 479 | 15,960 | 479 | 10,614 | 559 | 10,614 | 1,779 | 399 |
| 17 | 8,429 | 1,167 | 712 | 15,593 | 506 | 16,857 | 506 | 11,210 | 590 | 11,210 | 1,879 | 421 |
| 18 | 8,877 | 1,229 | 750 | 16,422 | 533 | 17,754 | 533 | 11,806 | 621 | 11,806 | 1,979 | 444 |
| 19 | 9,325 | 1,291 | 788 | 17,252 | 560 | 18,650 | 560 | 12,403 | 653 | 12,403 | 2,079 | 466 |
| 20 | 9,774 | 1,353 | 826 | 18,081 | 586 | 19,547 | 586 | 12,999 | 684 | 12,999 | 2,179 | 489 |
| 21 | 10,222 | 1,415 | 864 | 18,911 | 613 | 20,444 | 613 | 13,595 | 716 | 13,595 | 2,279 | 511 |
| 22 | 10,670 | 1,477 | 902 | 19,740 | 640 | 21,340 | 640 | 14,192 | 747 | 14,192 | 2,379 | 534 |
| 23 | 11,119 | 1,539 | 940 | 20,569 | 667 | 22,237 | 667 | 14,788 | 778 | 14,788 | 2,479 | 556 |
| 24 | 11,567 | 1,601 | 978 | 21,399 | 694 | 23,134 | 694 | 15,384 | 810 | 15,384 | 2,579 | 578 |
| Additional Person | + 449 | + 62 | | + 830 | | + 897 | | + 597 | | + 597 | + 100 | |
| Effective Date | April 2024 | April 1992 | | April 2024 | April 2024 | April 2024 | April 2024 | April 2024 | April 2024 | April 2024 | January 2014 | April 2024 |
| Notes | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| *Children aged 6 through 18 do not receive the standard disregard. They do get the 5% MAGI disregard, if needed. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| **MNIL--The Medically Needy Income Limit (MNIL) includes the appropriate standard disregard. No additional disregards should be applied to establish a share of cost (formula is Adults (Parents/Caretakers) plus Standard Disregard). | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ***MAGI--The 5% MAGI disregard is used in a budget only if it makes a "failing" individual "pass" a full coverage Medicaid group. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| MAGI--The 5% MAGI disregard is never used in a Medically Needy budget. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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Attachment 4

SSI-Related Medicaid Coverage Groups Financial Eligibility Standards: April 2024

| Coverage Group SSI/FBR \$943-Individual | Income Limit | Asset Limit |
|--|--|-------------------------------|
| *ICP/HCBS/Hospice- Individual (300% FBR) | \$2,829 | \$2,000 |
| *ICP/HCBS/Hospice – Couple | \$5,658 | \$3,000 |
| *HCBS/Working People w/Disabilities – Individual (WPwD) (550% FBR) | \$5,187 | \$2,000 \$13,000 Disregard |
| *HCBS/Working People w/Disabilities – Couple (WPwD) | \$10,374 | \$3,000 \$24,000 Disregard |
| **MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Individual (88% FPL) | \$1,105 | \$5,000 |
| **MEDS-AD/ICP-MEDS/Couple | \$1,499 | \$6,000 |
| Medically Needy, MNIL-(I) | \$180 | \$5,000 |
| Medically Needy, MNIL-(C) (Subtract from gross income) | \$241 | \$6,000 |
| **Working Disabled Individual (200% FPL) | \$2,510 | \$5,000 |
| **Working Disabled Couple | \$3,407 | \$6,000 |
| Medicare Part B | \$174.70 | |
| Medicare Part A | Free for most or \$505 | |
| Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) (eff 01/01/24) | | |
| NH-ICP/HCBS/Hospice/PACE | \$160 (effective 07/2023) | |
| Hospice (Community) 100% FPL** | \$1,255 | |
| ALF-PACE/SMMC-HCBS** | R&B+ 20% FPL (Individual \$251) / (Couple \$502) | |
| Community/iBudget | \$2,829 | |
| Maintenance Needs Standards / Other (eff 01/01/24) | | |
| Standard Disregard | \$20 | |
| Earned Income (EI) Disregard | \$65 + ½ EI | |
| Student Earned Income Disregard Limit | \$2,290 monthly, Maximum \$9,230 per calendar year | |
| Spouse Deeming = ½ FBR | \$472 | |
| Child Allocation | \$472/child (Difference between the couple and single FBR) | |
| Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) | \$1,550 per month <i>non blind</i> / \$2,590 <i>blind</i> | |
| Spousal Impoverishment | | |
| Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA)*** | \$2,465 | |
| CSMIA* | \$3,854 | |
| Excess Shelter Standard*** | \$740 | |
| CSRA* | \$154,140 | |
| Home Equity Interest Limit* | \$713,000 | |
| Transfer of Asset Divisor (eff 01/01/2024) | \$10,438 | |
| Community Hospice Allocations | | |
| Spouse only | FBR (\$943) | |
| Spouse + Dependents or Dependents Only | CNS Standard | |

*These Standards change effective January 1 of each year in accordance with federal law.

** These Standards change effective April 1 of each year in accordance with federal law.

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

Attachment 5

**Medicare Savings Programs (MSPs) and Low-Income Subsidy (LIS) Coverage Groups
Financial Standards-April 2024**

| Family Size | QMB | SLMB | QI1 | Asset Limit MSP | LIS | Asset Limit' LIS |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------|
| FPL | 100% | 120% | 135% | | 150% | |
| Individual | \$1,255 | \$1,506 | \$1,695 | \$9,430 | \$1,883 | \$15,720 |
| Couple/2 | \$1,704 | \$2,044 | \$2,300 | \$14,130 | \$2,555 | \$31,360 |
| 3 | \$2,152 | \$2,582 | \$2,905 | | \$3,228 | |
| 4 | \$2,600 | \$3,120 | \$3,510 | | \$3,900 | |
| 5 | \$3,049 | \$3,658 | \$4,116 | | \$4,573 | |
| 6 | \$3,497 | \$4,196 | \$4,721 | | \$5,245 | |
| 7 | \$3,945 | \$4,734 | \$5,326 | | \$5,918 | |
| 8 | \$4,394 | \$5,272 | \$5,931 | | \$6,590 | |
| 9 | \$4,842 | \$5,810 | \$6,537 | | \$7,263 | |
| 10 | \$5,290 | \$6,348 | \$7,142 | | \$7,935 | |
| Additional Person | +\$449 | +\$538 | +\$606 | | +\$673 | |

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| Family Size | QMB | SLMB | QI1 | Asset Limit MSP | LIS | Asset Limit' LIS |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------------------|---------|---------------------|
| FPL | 100% | 120% | 135% | | 150% | |
| Individual | \$1,254 | \$1,505 | \$1,694 | \$9,430 | \$1,881 | \$15,720 |
| Couple/2 | \$1,697 | \$2,035 | \$2,290 | \$14,130 | \$2,544 | \$31,360 |
| 3 | \$2,140 | \$2,565 | \$2,886 | | \$3,207 | |
| 4 | \$2,583 | \$3,095 | \$3,482 | | \$3,870 | |
| 5 | \$3,026 | \$3,625 | \$4,078 | | \$4,533 | |
| 6 | \$3,469 | \$4,155 | \$4,674 | | \$5,196 | |
| 7 | \$3,912 | \$4,685 | \$5,270 | | \$5,859 | |
| 8 | \$4,355 | \$5,215 | \$5,866 | | \$6,522 | |
| 9 | \$4,798 | \$5,745 | \$6,462 | | \$7,185 | |
| 10 | \$5,241 | \$6,275 | \$7,058 | | \$7,848 | |
| Additional Person | +\$443 | +\$530 | +\$596 | | +\$663 | |

2024 Medicare Premiums

| Premium | Amount | Deductible |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Part A- Hospital | Free for most or \$505 | \$1,632 |
| Part B- Medical | \$174.70 | \$240 (annual) |
| Part C-Medicare Advantage Plan | Varies by Plan | Varies by Plan |
| Part D-Prescription Drug Cost | Varies by Plan | Varies by Plan |