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To: Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH) Users

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Re: **Medicaid Eligibility Handbook Release 09-01**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The following policy additions or changes are effective 01/01/09, unless otherwise noted. **Bold text denotes new text. Text with a strike through it in the old policy section denotes deleted text.**

**CHANGES**

**All**

References to the Forward card were changed to "ForwardHealth."

**Introduction (Ch 1) > 1.1  
Introduction To Medicaid >  
1.1.3 Financial Intro >  
1.1.3.3 Special Financial Tests  
for Disabled Minors**

This section was a duplicate of 15.1.2.

**New Text:**

**A blind or disabled minor (or dependent 18 year old) would have their Medicaid eligibility determined according to special procedures when the disabled minor fails BadgerCare Plus financial tests. See section 15.1.2 Special Financial Tests for Disabled Minors.**

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15  
Income > 15.1 Income  
Introduction**

COLA updates for 2009 were made to limits and examples on this page.

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 17  
Divestment > 17.5 Penalty  
Period**

**Old Text:**

The divestment report, CRM1403A, doesn't register divestment penalty changes. If it is necessary to remove a divestment penalty, update AAAT, run eligibility, and confirm. Then contact EDS (608-221-4746, ext-~~80245~~).

**New Text:**

The divestment report, CRM1403A, doesn't register divestment penalty changes. If it is necessary to remove a divestment penalty, update AAAT, run eligibility, and confirm. Then contact EDS (608-221-4746 extension **80201**).

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 18  
Spousal Impoverishment >  
18.4 Spousal Impoverishment  
Assets**

COLA updates for 2009 were made to limits and examples on this page.

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 18  
Spousal Impoverishment >  
18.6 Spousal Impoverishment  
Income Allocation**

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**Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) >  
25 Special Status Medicaid >**

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25.1 503 Eligibility> 25.1.3  
Calculating the COLA  
Disregard

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) >  
25 Special Status Medicaid >  
25.7 Tuberculosis> 25.7.2  
Financial Tests

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) >  
27 Institutional Long Term  
Care (ILTC) > 27.7 ILTC Cost  
of Care Calculation > 27.7.1  
ILTC Cost of Care Calculation  
Introduction

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**New Text:**

Calculate the cost of care in the following way:

1. For a Medicaid member in a medical institution who does not have a community spouse, subtract the following from the person's monthly income:
  - a. \$65 and ½ earned income disregard (15.7.5 \$65 and ½ Earned Income Deduction).
  - b. Monthly cost for health insurance (27.6.4 Health Insurance).
  - c. Support payments (15.7.2.1 Support Payments).
  - d. Personal needs allowance (39.4 EBD Assets and Income Tables).
  - e. Home maintenance costs, if applicable (15.7.1 Maintaining Home or Apartment).
  - f. Expenses for establishing and maintaining a court-ordered guardianship or protective placement, including court-ordered attorney and/or guardian fees (27.6.6 Fees to Guardians or Attorneys ).
  - g. **Medical Remedial Expenses. See 27.7.8 Payment for Non-Covered Services.**

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) >  
32 Medicare Beneficiaries >  
32.3 SLMB> 32.3.2 SLMB  
Income Limit

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) >  
32 Medicare Beneficiaries >  
32.4 SLMB+ 32.4.2>SLMB+  
Income Limit

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) >  
32 Medicare Beneficiaries >  
32.5 QDWI 32.5.2> QDWI  
Income Limit

**New Text:**

Calculate SLMB net income in the same way as QMB net income **including the temporary disregard of the annual COLA increase.** (See 32.2.2 QMB Income Limit).

**New Text:**

Calculate SLMB+ net income in the same way as QMB net income **including the temporary disregard of the annual COLA increase.**(See 32.2.2 QMB Income Limit).

**New Text:**

Calculate QDWI net income in the same way as QMB net income **including the temporary disregard of the annual COLA increase.**(See 32.2.2 QMB Income Limit).

Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39  
Tables > 39.4 EBD Assets and  
Income Tables

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Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39  
Tables > 39.6 COLA

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Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39  
Tables > 39.12 FC Deductions  
and Allowances

This section was deleted as the Family Care deductions and allowances are no longer valid.