

County Medical Services Program Guide (CMSPG) Letter #15

March 14, 2012

Subject **ARTICLE A—2012 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL) FOR THE LOW INCOME HEALTH PROGRAM (LIHP)**

Effective Date April 01, 2012

Reference ACWDL 12-08

Purpose The purpose of this letter is to inform staff of the new Low Income Health Program (LIHP) Maintenance Need Levels (MNLs) effective April 01, 2012.

Background The income standards for Federal Poverty Level (FPL) based programs are adjusted annually. For individuals whose eligibility is determined based on a percentage of the FPL, the effective date of the new FPL figures is April 01, 2012.

Change Medicaid Coverage Expansion (MCE)
The income limit for MCE has increased to \$1,239 for a single adult and \$1,677 for a married couple.

Health Care Coverage Initiative (HCCI)
The income limit for HCCI has increased to \$1,862 for a single adult and \$2,522 for a married couple. *Reminder:* No new HCCI applicants or new beneficiaries allowed in HCCI as of February 14, 2011.

Required Actions Effective April 01, 2012, workers are to use the new FPL figures provided in CMSPG A.05.01A when determining eligibility for LIHP.

CMS IT System The CMS IT System has been programmed to include the new 133% and 200% FPL figures.

Quality Assurance Impact Effective with the May 2012 review month, Quality Assurance will cite with the appropriate error any case that does not follow the

**Access
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No impact.

Forms Impact

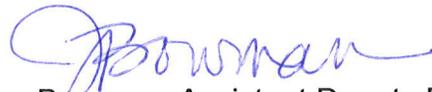
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**Summary of
Changes**

The table below shows the changes made to Article A of the CMSPG.

Article	Changes
Appendix A.05.01A	Updated the FPL figures.

**Manager
Approval**



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Appendix 05.01A Maintenance Need Levels (MNLs)

Maintenance Need Level (MNL) Chart

Effective 4/1/2012		
Person	MCE 133% Monthly FPL	HCCI 200% Monthly FPL (Enrolled before 2/14/11)
1	\$1,239	\$1,862
2	\$1,677	\$2,522
3	\$2,116	\$3,182
4	\$2,555	\$3,842
5	\$2,994	\$4,502
6	\$3,433	\$5,162
7	\$3,872	\$5,822
8	\$4,311	\$6,482
9	\$4,750	\$7,142
10	\$5,189	\$7,802
Add for additional members	+439	+660

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