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Topic: Other

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New Policy
 Policy Change
 Policy Clarification
 Executive Letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual Update
 Other: Income Standards Change

Applies to (check all that apply):

- All DHS employees County Mental Health Directors
 Area Agencies on Aging Health Services
 Children, Adults and Families Seniors and People with Disabilities
 County DD Program Managers Other (please specify):

Policy/Rule Title:	Federal Poverty Level - Medical, ERDC, SNAP, TANF and Post TANF Income		
Policy/Rule Number(s):	OAR 461-155-0030 OAR 461-155-0180 and OAR 461-155-0235	Release No:	
Effective Date:	See individual program below.	Expiration:	
References:			
Web Address:			

Discussion/Interpretation: The annual adjustment to the federal poverty guidelines was released January 25, 2012, by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Implementation/Transition Instructions:

OHP Income Standards

With these new federal poverty level (FPL) amounts, the Oregon Health Plan (OHP) medical assistance program income standards were updated effective January 25, 2012.

Attached is the Combined Standards ([MSC 5530](#)) form. The OHP Standards are effective in the CM system February 1, 2012, (day after end of month processing). Start using the new OHP income standards immediately to determine eligibility. If you have an individual who is applying and eligible for OHP except that the countable income exceeds the old OHP income standard but is less than the new standard, wait until after January end of month processing to code medical eligibility.

ERDC

The ERDC standards change is effective February 1, 2012. The new standards are included in the attached Combined Standards ([MSC 5530](#)) chart. The CM system will be updated on February 1, 2012. Remember that the copay amounts are not changing, only the income cap.

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)

The SNAP program 185 percent categorical eligibility standard is changed effective February 1. The new standards are included in the attached Combined Standards ([MSC 5530](#)) chart. The 185 percent will be updated on FSMIS February 1, 2012. If you have a filing group who is applying and eligible for SNAP with income above the old 185 percent level but below the new one, wait until we notify you that FSMIS has been updated to code their case. The other SNAP income standards will not change until the annual update on October 1, 2012.

TANF and Post-TANF

The TANF Non-Needy Caretaker Relative (NNCR) Countable Income and Post-TANF standards changes are included in the attached Combined Standards ([MSC 5530](#)) chart. The new NNCR standards are effective February 1, 2012, in the CM system.

Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)

QMB/SMB/SMF, and OSIPM-EPD income standards will not be adjusted until March 1, 2012.

Manual Updates

The online Administrative Rules Manual (ARM) was updated effective January 25, 2012. Family Services Manual (FSM) updates will be released for January 27, 2012, and will contain the new standards.

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Training/Communication Plan: Local review of this transmittal.

Local/Branch Action Required: Review this transmittal with staff.

Central Office Action Required: Update computer systems and the manual.

Field/Stakeholder review: Yes No

If yes, reviewed by:

Filing Instructions:

If you have any questions about this policy, contact:

Contact(s): see above