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 | ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE |  
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TRANSMITTAL: 91 ADM-26

TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Medical  
 Assistance

DATE: August 13, 1991

SUBJECT: Updated Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for Medical  
 Assistance Eligibility

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 SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Medical Assistance Staff  
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ATTACHMENTS: There are no attachments to this ADM.

FILING REFERENCES

Previous ADMs/INFs	Releases Cancelled	Dept. Regs.	Soc. Serv. Law & Other Legal Ref.	Manual Ref.	Misc. Ref.
90 ADM-48	90 ADM-47	360-1.4(r)	SSL 366.4	MARG, MA	
90 INF-45		360-3.7(d)	(m) - (p)	Income Ex-	
90 ADM-42		360-4.1(b)	SSL 367-a	emption	
90 ADM-9		360-4.7(b)		Standards	
90 ADM-6		360-4.8(a)		section	
89 ADM-7		360-4.8(c)			
		360.7.7(g)			
		360-7.7(h)			
		360-7.8(a)			

I. PURPOSE

This Administrative Directive advises social services districts of the annual update of the federal income official poverty line (poverty line). The poverty line is the basis for the Medical Assistance (MA) income eligibility standards applied to several categories of MA applicants/recipients.

II. BACKGROUND

The Department of Health and Human Services annually provides an update of the poverty line. The new poverty line, commonly referred to as the federal poverty level, accounts for the past year's increase in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index. The new poverty line was published in the Federal Register dated February 20, 1991.

III. PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

The poverty line is used when determining initial and on-going MA eligibility for the following groups of applicants/recipients:

A. Pregnant Women and Infants

MA eligibility for pregnant women and infants under age one is determined by comparing family net income to 100 percent or 185 percent of the poverty line.

B. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs)

Eligibility for the Buy-In Program for QMBs is determined by comparing family income to 100 percent of the poverty line.

C. Children Ages One Through Five

MA eligibility for children who are at least one year of age but younger than six years of age is determined by comparing family net income to 133 percent of the poverty line.

D. Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWIs)

Eligibility for QDWIs to have MA pay for their Medicare Part A premiums is determined by comparing family net income to 200 percent of the poverty line.

IV. REQUIRED ACTIONS

Effective July 1, 1991, for all new applications and recertifications, districts must use the following income levels when determining MA eligibility for pregnant women and infants, children ages one through five, Buy-in eligibility for QMBs and eligibility to have MA pay for Medicare Part A premiums for QDWIs.

Poverty Line Schedule

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>100%</u>		<u>185%</u>	
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$ 6,620	\$ 551	\$12,247	\$1,020
2	8,880	740	16,428	1,369
3	11,140	928	20,609	1,717
4	13,400	1,116	24,790	2,065
5	15,660	1,305	28,971	2,414
6	17,920	1,493	33,152	2,762
7	20,180	1,681	37,333	3,111
8	22,440	1,870	41,514	3,459
Each Additional Person	2,260	188	4,181	348

<u>Household Size</u>	<u>133%</u>		<u>200%</u>	
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$ 8,804	\$ 733	\$13,240	\$1,103
2	11,810	984	17,760	1,480
3	14,816	1,234	22,280	1,856
4	17,822	1,485	26,800	2,233
5	20,827	1,735	31,320	2,610
6	23,833	1,986	35,840	2,986
7	26,839	2,236	40,360	3,363
8	29,845	2,487	44,880	3,740
Each Additional Person	3,005	250	4,520	376

There are no resource standards for pregnant women and infants. The resource standards for QMBs and QDWIs remain at \$4,000 for a household of one and \$6,000 for a household of two. The Department has issued instructions in 90 ADM-42 regarding MA eligibility at 133 percent of the poverty line for children ages one through five.

V. SYSTEMS IMPLICATIONS

These new figures were supported on MBL beginning June 10, 1991 for budgets effective July 1, 1991 or later.

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VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Administrative Directive are effective August 15, 1991, retroactive to July 1, 1991.

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