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**Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL) No. 177**

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**Issue Date:** November 20, 2023

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5160:1-5-03, 5160:1-6-03.1, 5160:1-6-04, 5160:1-6-07, 5160:1-6-07.1

**To:** All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

**From:** Maureen M. Corcoran, Director

**Subject:** 2024 Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)  
Personal Needs Allowance (PNA)  
State Minimum Wage  
Home Equity Value  
Social Security Benefits  
Supplemental Security Income (SSI)  
Railroad Retirement Benefits  
Railroad Disability Benefits  
Railroad Survivors Benefits  
Certain Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits  
Military Retirement  
Medicare Part B Premium  
Medicaid Need Standards  
Special Income Level (SIL)  
Assisted Living Maintenance Needs Allowance (ALMNA)  
Special Individual Maintenance Needs Allowance (SIMNA)  
Spousal Impoverishment Standards  
MBIWD Resource Limit  
Medicare Premium Assistance Program (MPAP) Resource Limit  
Student Child Earned Income Exclusion

**Reason for Change:** Based on the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) and changes to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is required to make adjustments to the following: Social Security Benefits, Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Railroad Retirement Benefits, Railroad Disability Benefits, Railroad Survivors Benefits, Certain

Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits, Military Retirement, Medicare Part B Premium, Home Equity Value Limit, Spousal Impoverishment Standards, Medicaid Needs Standards, Special Income Level (SIL), Assisted Living Maintenance Needs Allowance (ALMNA), Special Individual Maintenance Needs Allowance (SIMNA), Medicaid Buy-In for Workers with Disabilities (MBIWD) Resource Limit, Medicaid Premium Assistance Program (MPAP) Resource Limit, and the Student Child Earned Income Exclusion.

Social Security Benefits, SSI, Railroad Retirement Benefits, Railroad Disability Benefits, Railroad Survivors Benefits, Military Retirement, and Certain Veterans Administration (VA) Benefits will increase by 3.2% effective January 1, 2024. Additionally, State Minimum Wage will increase from \$10.10 per hour to \$10.45 per hour.

The tables in this MEPL have limits, standards, benefits, and/or payment amounts **for 2024 in bold**, along with the 2023 values for reference.

**Personal Needs Allowance**

For an individual residing in a nursing facility or intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual disabilities (ICF-IID), the PNA will remain at the current amount of \$50, plus up to an additional \$65 of gross earnings received as a result of employment, for a possible maximum PNA of \$115.

**State Minimum Wage**

STATE MINIMUM WAGE		
	2023	<b>2024</b>
Hourly Amount	\$10.10	<b>\$10.45</b>

**Home Equity Limit**

HOME EQUITY LIMIT AMOUNTS		
	2023	<b>2024</b>
Maximum amount of equity an individual can have in a home	\$688,000	<b>\$713,000</b>

**SSI**

SSI PAYMENT AMOUNTS		
	2023	<b>2024</b>
Single individual living independently	\$914	<b>\$943</b>
Couple living independently	\$1,371	<b>\$1,415</b>

Note: The \$30 SSI maximum payment to institutionalized individuals will remain the same.

**Medicare Premium**

	2023	2024*
Medicare Part B Premium	\$164.90	<b>\$174.70</b>

\*A Medicare beneficiary whose modified adjusted gross income is greater than \$103,000 (individual) or \$206,000 (filing a joint tax return) is responsible for a larger portion of the cost of Part B coverage and must pay an income-related monthly adjustment amount.

**Medicaid Need Standard for Individual/Couple in Own Household**

MEDICAID NEED STANDARDS		
	2023	2024
Individual in own household	\$914	<b>\$943</b>
Couple living in own household	\$1,371	<b>\$1,415</b>

**Medicaid Need Standard for Individual/Couple in Household of Another**

MEDICAID NEED STANDARDS		
	2023	2024
Individual living in household of another	\$610	<b>\$629</b>
Couple living in household of another	\$914	<b>\$943</b>

**Special Income Level (SIL)**

SPECIAL INCOME LEVEL		
	2023	2024
Institutionalized/HCBS waiver (300% of current SSI benefit for an Individual living in his/her own household)	\$2,742	<b>\$2,829</b>

**Assisted Living Maintenance Needs Allowance (ALMNA)**

NEEDS ALLOWANCE		
	2023	2024
Individual	\$914	<b>\$943</b>

**Special Individual Maintenance Needs Allowance (SIMNA)**

NEEDS ALLOWANCE		
	2023	2024
Special individual maintenance needs allowance used to determine HCBS waiver patient liability	\$1,783	<b>\$1,839</b>

**Spousal Impoverishment Standards**

IMPOVERISHMENT STANDARDS		
	2023	2024
Minimum community spouse resource allowance (CSRA)	\$29,724	<b>\$30,828</b>
Maximum community spouse resource allowance (CSRA)	\$148,620	<b>\$154,140</b>
Minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance (MMMNA) <b>Cap</b>	\$3,715.50	<b>\$3,853.50</b>

Note: The minimum monthly maintenance needs allowance (MMMNA), the excess shelter allowance, and the family allowance will be revised effective July 1, 2023.

**MBIWD Resource Limit**

MBIWD RESOURCE LIMIT		
	2023	2024
Individual	\$14,318	<b>\$14,848</b>

**MPAP Resource Limit**

MPAP RESOURCE LIMIT		
	2023	2024
Individual	\$9,090	<b>\$9,430</b>
Couple	\$13,630	<b>\$14,130</b>

**Student Child Earned Income Exclusion\***

STUDENT EXCLUSION		
	2023	2024
Earned income exclusion (per month)	\$2,220	<b>\$2,290</b>
Earned income exclusion (per year)	\$8,950	<b>\$9,230</b>

\*The student child earned income exclusion applies consecutively to months in which there is earned income until the exclusion is exhausted or the individual is age 22. This exclusion applies only to a student child's own income and applies only to a student child who is not institutionalized or enrolled in home and community-based services (HCBS).

A Mass Change EDBC Batch will run after adverse action in November but prior to, or on, the last day of adverse action for December, so that benefits can be impacted as of January 1, 2024.

A journal entry will be automatically entered when the Mass Change EDBC Batch was successful. A Notice of Action (NOA) will be generated advising of any changes.

An alert or report will be provided for program blocks that are excluded from the Mass Change EDBC Batch. The assigned worker will need to review these cases to determine whether a manual EDBC is needed depending on the fallout reason, issue a manual NOA if there is an eligibility change, and document with a journal entry.

This information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

**Resources for Providers > Policies & Guidelines > Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letters (MEPLs)**

<https://medicaid.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/medicaid/resources-for-providers/policies-guidelines/medicaid-eligibility-procedure-letters/medicaid-eligibility-procedure-letters>