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To: All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders

From: John B. McCarthy, Director

Subject: Medicaid: 2015 Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and Excess Shelter Allowance (ESA) Standards

Reason for Change: Annual changes to the Minimum Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance (MMMNA) and the Excess Shelter Allowance (ESA) standards are effective with the second quarter following publication of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines, per federal requirements established in 42 U.S.C. 1396r-5(d)(3)(A).

The Department of Health and Human Services provided the updated FPL guidelines in January, 2015, making July 1, 2015, the effective date for the new MMMNA and ESA standards.

Policy: The following Medicaid standards are affected by the increase in the FPL. This table shows the 2014 standards and the 2015 standards in **bold**.

	2014	2015
MMMNA Standard	\$1,967	\$1,992
ESA Standard	\$590	\$598

Action Required: No case alerts will be issued and there will not be a mass change completed by CRIS-E. Therefore, a manual review of all long term care facility and home & community based services assistance groups with a community spouse will need to be completed. These cases (MA-M) can be identified by utilizing the caseload query system available on CRIS-E. The standards can also be found on CRIS-E reference tables TMEP and TMNA.

This information is also available on the Internet and may be accessed at:
<http://medicaid.ohio.gov/HOME.aspx>