



Policy Memo	
KDHE-DHCF POLICY NO: 2018-02-02	From: Jeanine Schieferecke, Senior Manager
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RE: Implementation of Federal Poverty Levels	Program(s): All Medical Programs

This memo provides instructions for implementation of new federal poverty level standards. The new levels take effect April 1, 2018.

1. FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL CHANGES

The change provides new income standards for CHIP, Caretaker Medical, Medicaid Pregnant Women and Children, the Medicare Savings Programs and Working Healthy. It also impacts Presumptive Eligibility determinations for Pregnant Women, Children and Caretakers. The Kansas Medical Assistance Standards ([KEESM Appendix Item F-8](#)) has been updated with the new standards. The updated form is included with this memo.

A. Medical Assistance Updates

The poverty level standards have been updated in the KEES system and are effective for any determinations for the benefit month of April, 2018 or later. There will not be an exclusive automated KEES mass change to implement these changes. For ongoing cases, the new level will be considered the next time eligibility is redetermined. This is accomplished when EDBC is run, accepted and saved for the specific benefit month. The new levels will be in place when the month of April, 2018 is available, on 02-19-18.

B. Special Processes

Although no automatic updates were processed in the KEES system to implement the FPL change, other processes, such as the batch review process, will use the new FPL levels when executing a determination. This could result in an eligibility change for some individuals.

a. Reviews

Reviews expiring 03-31-18 will run on or about 02-14-18, prior to the implementation of the new values. Therefore, the outcome will be based on the old limits. It is not necessary to reprocess Super Passive or Passive reviews unless there is a change

reported that requires a new EDBC. All pre-populated reviews will be processed for months where the new values are effective, so no special instructions are necessary.

b. New Applications

New requests for coverage that fail eligibility due to excess income in a month prior to April will require a second determination for the month of April if the initial determination placed the applicant within 5% percentage points of the applicable poverty level. The results of both determinations shall be documented in the journal.

C. Presumptive Eligibility and CSSP

The new income levels are also implemented for Presumptive Eligibility determinations. Income limits in the PE tool are adjusted beginning April 1, 2018. The new levels will be used for any determination on or after this date. The information is being shared with the PE Qualified Entities, but no additional action is necessary to implement the changes.

D. Self Service Portal Eligibility Check

The high-level eligibility check feature available to the public will also be updated with the new income levels. The updates to the CSSP will also be available to any screening executed on or after April 1, 2018.

2. FORMS AND FACT SHEETS

KC-7000	300% Income Chart
ES-3104.5	Determination of Need
ES-3165	Working Healthy Premiums
F-8	Kansas Medical Assistance Standards

Fact sheets:

- Medical Coverage for Children
- Medical Coverage for Parents or Caregivers of Children
- Medical Coverage for Pregnant Women
- Overview of E&D Programs

Questions

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