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 | ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE |  
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TRANSMITTAL: 90 ADM-47

TO: Commissioners of  
 Social Services

DIVISION: Medical  
 Assistance

DATE: December 18, 1990

SUBJECT: Updated Federal Poverty Income Guidelines for Medical  
 Assistance Eligibility

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 SUGGESTED

DISTRIBUTION: Medical Assistance Staff  
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 Staff Development Coordinators

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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 INF-45		360-1.4(r)	SSL 366.4	MARG, MA	GIS 90MA030
90 ADM-42		360-3.3(c)	(m) - (o)	Income Ex-	
90 ADM-9		360-3.7(d)	SSL 367-a	emption	
90 ADM-6		360-4.1(b)		Standards	
89 ADM-7		360-4.7(b)		section	
		360-4.8(a)			
		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. 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 16, 1990.

III. PROGRAM IMPLICATIONS

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

A. Pregnant Women and Infants

The Department determines MA eligibility for pregnant women and infants by comparing net income to 100% or 185% of the poverty line.

B. Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMBs)

The Department determines MA eligibility for QMBs under the Buy-In Program by comparing Medicare beneficiaries' incomes to 100% of the poverty line.

IV. REQUIRED ACTIONS

Effective July 1, 1990, districts must use the following income levels when determining MA eligibility for pregnant women and infants and for determining buy-in eligibility for all new applications and recertifications on or after July 1, 1990.

Poverty Line

<u>Household Size</u>	100%		185%	
	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Monthly</u>
1	\$ 6,280	\$ 523	\$11,618	\$ 968
2	8,420	701	15,577	1,298
3	10,560	880	19,536	1,628
4	12,700	1,058	23,495	1,957
5	14,840	1,236	27,454	2,287
6	16,980	1,415	31,413	2,617
7	19,120	1,593	35,372	2,947
8	21,260	1,771	39,331	3,277
Each Additional Person	2,140	178	3,959	329

There are no resource limitations for pregnant women and infants. The resource standards for QMBs 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% of the poverty line for children ages one through five.

V. SYSTEMS IMPLICATIONS

These new figures were supported on MBL beginning June 11, 1990 for budgets effective July 1, 1990 or later.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

The provisions of this Administrative Directive are effective December 15, 1990, retroactive to July 1, 1990.

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Jo-Ann A. Costantino  
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