

MEDICAID ALERT

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**Eligibility Rule Changes for Cases with Budget
Effective Dates of April 1, 2008 and Later**

Resource Level Increase

Pursuant to Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2008, **resource level tests have been equalized for MA and FHP. Prior levels, in most instances, have been increased.**

In the past, different resource level tests for Medicaid (MA) and Family Health Plus (FHP) were applied when determining a consumer's eligibility for public health insurance. Beginning with budget effective dates of April 1, 2008 and later, resource testing levels have changed for the populations of consumers listed below.

The affected populations are:

- Parents, caretaker relatives of children under age 21; 19 & 20 year old
- Singles/Childless Couples (S/CC)
- Disabled, Aged and Blind Consumers
- Family Health Plus (FHP) consumers
- Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD) consumers

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RESOURCE LEVELS	
Household Size	New Resource Levels (As of 04/01//08)
1	\$13,050
2	\$19,200
3	\$22,200
4	\$25,050
5	\$27,900
6	\$30,750
7	\$33,600
8	\$36,600
9	\$39,450
10	\$42,300
each add'l	\$2,850

Medicare Savings Program (MSP)

Resources are no longer to be considered when determining MSP eligibility.

In the past, a consumer’s resources were one of the factors that needed to be evaluated when determining eligibility for MSP at either the SLIMB or the QMB level at both application and renewal. However, similar to QI-1 consumers, financial eligibility for QMB and SLIMB consumers is now to be based upon an evaluation of **income level only**.

QMB and SLIMB consumers may also be eligible for full Medicaid or Medicaid with a spenddown. Medicaid eligibility is still subject to a resource test.

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