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SUBJECT: Corrections to 4/1/05 Standards Changes for Health Care Programs

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE April 1, 2005

INSTRUCTIONS

MANUAL REFERENCE(S)

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This bulletin revises income standards for Medicaid and other health care programs based on the consumer price index (CPI) and federal poverty level (FPL). Because the FPL is not published until February or March, DCF uses a forecast in January to update the DCF income standards based on the FPL. When the FPL is published, if it is higher than DCF's forecast, DCF will revise these income standards in April.

The following standards will change on April 1, 2005:

Income standards for health care programs based on the federal poverty level
Eligibility maximums for QMB, SLMB, QI, and QDWI
Allocations to community spouse for LTC (2 changes)

Vertical lines in the left margin indicate significant changes. Dotted lines at the left indicate changes to clarify, rearrange, or correct references, without changing the content of the procedure.

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A. General Introduction

Use the following standards to determine eligibility and fees for health care programs. Income standards for most programs are based on a forecast derived from the federal poverty levels (FPLs) and updated January 1 each year. If the FPLs, which are not published until February or March, are higher than DCF's forecast, DCF will revise these income standards April 1.

B. Monthly Income Standards

1. Eligibility maximums for Medicaid and waiver programs, effective 4/1/05

Coverage Groups	Rule	% FPL	Household Size							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
PIL outside Chittenden County	M243 M350	N/A	800	800	966	1,091	1,233	1,325	1,475	1,608
PIL inside Chittenden County	M243 M350	N/A	866	866	1,033	1,158	1,300	1,383	1,541	1,675
VHAP (individual) VHAP - Pharmacy	4001.84 3301.74	150%	1,197	1,604	2,012	2,419	2,827	3,234	3,642	4,049
VScript	3203	175%	1,396	1,872	2,347	2,822	3,298	3,773	4,249	4,724
Transitional Medicaid VHAP (parents, caretaker relative)	M302.21 4001.84	185%	1,476	1,978	2,481	2,984	3,486	3,989	4,491	4,994
Dr. Dynasaur (pregnant women)	M302.27	200%	1,595	2,139	2,682	3,225	3,769	4,312	4,855	5,399
VScript Expanded	3201.64	225%	1,795	2,406	3,017	3,629	4,240	4,851	5,462	6,074
Working people with disabilities (WPWD)	M200.24b	250%	1,994	2,673	3,353	4,032	4,711	5,390	6,069	6,748
Dr. Dynasaur (children under 18) Healthy Vermonters (any age)	M302.26 3401.54	300%	2,393	3,208	4,023	4,838	5,653	6,468	7,283	8,098
Healthy Vermonters (aged, disabled)	3401.54	400%	3,190	4,277	5,364	6,450	7,537	8,624	9,710	10,797

2. Eligibility maximums for Medicare cost-sharing programs, effective 4/1/05

Coverage Groups	Rule	% FPL	Household Size	
			1	2
Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB)	M200.41	100%	798	1,070
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)	M200.43	120%	957	1,283
Qualified Individuals - 1 (QI-1)	M200.44	135%	1,077	1,444
Qualified Disabled and Working Individuals (QDWI)	M200.42	200%	1,595	2,139

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B. Monthly Income Standards (Continued)

3. Ranges for program fees, effective 4/1/05

Coverage Groups	Rule	% FPL	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
VHAP - no fee	4001.91	> 0 ≤ 50%	399	535	671	807	943	1,078	1,214	1,350
VHAP - \$10/person/month	4001.91	> 50 ≤ 75%	599	802	1,006	1,210	1,414	1,617	1,821	2,025
VHAP - \$35/person/month	4001.91	> 75 ≤ 100%	798	1,070	1,341	1,613	1,885	2,156	2,428	2,700
VHAP - \$45/person/month	4001.91	> 100 ≤ 150%	1,197	1,604	2,012	2,419	2,827	3,234	3,642	4,049
VHAP - \$65/person/month	4001.91	> 150 ≤ 185%	1,476	1,978	2,481	2,984	3,486	3,989	4,491	4,994
VHAP - Pharmacy - \$13/person/mo.	3303.1	> 0 ≤ 150%	1,197	1,604	2,012	2,419	2,827	3,234	3,642	4,049
VScript - \$17/person/month	3203	> 150 ≤ 175%	1,396	1,872	2,347	2,822	3,298	3,773	4,249	4,724
VScript Expanded - \$35/person/mo.	3203	> 175 ≤ 225%	1,795	2,406	3,017	3,629	4,240	4,851	5,462	6,074
Dr. D. - no fee	M302.26,27	> 0 ≤ 185%	1,476	1,978	2,481	2,984	3,486	3,989	4,491	4,994
Dr. Dynasaur (pregnant women) – \$25/family/month	M302.27	> 185 ≤ 200%	1,595	2,139	2,682	3,225	3,769	4,312	4,855	5,399
Dr. D. (under 18) - \$25/family/mo.	M302.26	> 185 ≤ 225%	1,795	2,406	3,017	3,629	4,240	4,851	5,462	6,074
Dr. D. (under 18) - \$35/with other ins. or \$70/uninsured/family/month	M302.26	> 225 ≤ 300%	2,393	3,208	4,023	4,838	5,653	6,468	7,283	8,098

4. SSI/AABD payment levels (2700)

Living Arrangement		Effective 1/1/05	<u>1/1/04 – 12/31/04</u>
Independent Living	Individual	\$ 631.04	\$ 616.04
	Couple	967.88	944.88
Another's Household	Individual	425.30	415.30
	Couple	627.64	612.31
Residential Care Home w/ Assistive Community Care Level III	Individual	627.38	612.38
	Couple	965.77	942.77
Res. Care Home w/ Limited Nursing Care Level III	Individual	846.13	831.13
	Couple	1,472.69	1,449.69
Residential Care Home Level IV	Individual	802.94	787.94
	Couple	1,431.06	1,408.06
Custodial Care Family Home	Individual	677.69	662.69
	Couple	1,201.82	1,178.82
Long-term Care	Individual	47.66	47.66
	Couple	95.33	95.33

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D. Other Standards (Continued)

8. Allocation to Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (M432.31 and P-2430 E)

- a. Maximum income allocation. If actual verified housing costs excluding fuel and utilities are greater than the base housing cost, allow up to the maximum allocation.

<u>Effective 1/1/05</u>	<u>(1/1/04 – 12/31/04)</u>
\$2,377.50	\$2,319.00

- b. Standard income allocation. (Maintenance income standard) This is based on 150 percent of the current poverty level for 2 people.

<u>Effective 4/1/05</u>	<u>(1/1/05 – 3/31/05)</u>
\$1,604.00	\$1,598.00

- c. Shelter standard This is 30 percent of the maintenance income standard in paragraph b, above.

<u>Effective 4/1/05</u>	<u>(1/1/05 - 3/31/05)</u>
\$ 482.00	\$ 480.00

- 1. Fuel and utility standard. Current food stamp fuel and utility standard is on page P-2590 A1.

<u>Effective 10/1/04</u>
\$ 407.00

- 2. Base housing cost

<u>Effective 01/1/05</u>	<u>(10/1/03 - 12/31/04)</u>
\$ 73.00	\$ 62.00

9. Allocation to Each Family Member Living with a Community Spouse - Long-Term Care (M432.3) This is the maximum allocation if family member has no income.

<u>Effective 01/1/05</u>	<u>10/1/02 - 12/31/04</u>
\$ 533.00	\$ 521.00