
P-2150 Desk Reviews (Continued)

E. ANFC/Medicaid Desk Review

1. ANFC

Changes in the ANFC ratable reduction, basic needs standards, and shelter maximums are often effective July 1. It is possible, however, for the ratable reduction to change separately or for both to happen at a time other than July 1.

When ANFC standards change, ACCESS will redetermine food stamp eligibility for ANFC households also receiving food stamps.

In-kind income: The ratable reduction and change in the shelter maximum affect the computation of shelter as in-kind income in ANFC cases. After desk review runs, you will be individually notified via MAIL of cases with an INKD panel. Recompute the in-kind income (if necessary) and enter the new amount on the effective month's INKD panel. Approve new eligibility results by the adverse action approval deadline. Include the desk review stuffers with the notice.

Example: Desk review runs June 10 to be effective July 1. You are sent MAIL message on June 12 with your INKD cases. Make changes on July's INKD panel. Approve any eligibility results and send a notice by June 21 (adverse action approval deadline).

2. Medicaid

Because the Medicaid PILs (protected income levels) are based on a percentage of the ANFC payment standard, whenever any of the ANFC payment standards change, the PILs are recalculated. Depending on the extent of the ANFC changes, some or all of the PILs may change. According to federal regulation, the maximum PIL is 133a percent of the payment standard, and that is what Vermont is currently using. Desk review will only select cases with a PIL that is decreasing for that size household. If the PIL increases or remains the same, eligibility is not affected.

3. Medicaid Long-Term Care (LTC)

When the PIL for two in Chittenden County changes, the community maintenance allowance in the Home and Community-Based Waiver program(P-2420 D#10) also

changes.

The LTC maintenance income standard (P-2420 D#8) and shelter standard (P-2420 D#8) change in July according to federal law. Since the base housing cost (P-2420 D#8) includes these numbers in its calculation, it also changes. The standard income allocation (P-2420 D#8) and the standard for the LTC maximum income allocation to each family member living with a community spouse (P-2420 D#9) are also likely to change.

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3. Medicaid Long-Term Care (LTC) (Continued)

When LTC standards change, a list of your cases with an income amount entered in the spousal allocation or legal dependent fields on INST will be sent to you after desk review runs. A label will be sent to use as you choose. Reassess each allocation. Make changes (if necessary) on the INST and on ELIG to affect the patient share due in the month following the effective month for care during the effective month. (If July is the effective month of the standards change, the change is for the bill due in August.) Complete changes by the adverse action approval deadline in the effective month.

Make corresponding changes in the community spouse's benefits effective the first of the month following the month the standards change.

Example: Desk review runs June 10. A list and labels are sent to you on June 18. In July, make changes on the August INST and on August ELIG to affect the patient share due in August for July's care. Complete changes by July 21 (adverse action approval deadline). Any corresponding changes in the community spouse's benefits will be effective August 1.

F. Food Stamps Desk Review

1. Standards Changes

The following food stamps changes usually are effective October 1 but may have a different effective date based on federal budget negotiations and approval dates for standards that Vermont calculates:

- standard household deduction (P-2590 A#1);
- maximum shelter cost deduction for non-elderly/disabled (P-2590 A#4);
- fuel and utility standards with heat, without heat, and phone only (P-2590 A#5);
- homeless shelter deduction (P-2590 A#6);
- maximum gross and net income limits (P-2590 C);
- thrifty food plan (TFP) amounts (P-2590 C);

- allotment tables (P-2590 D);
- ANFC, food stamps, Medicaid and transitional child care (TCC) business expenses for providing room and/or board (P-2210 C, P-2590 A#6, P-2420 D#2);
and
- ANFC, food stamps, Medicaid, TCC and fuel business expenses for providing day care meals and snacks (P-2210 C, P-2590 A#6, P-2420 D#3).