



STATE OF DELAWARE

DELAWARE HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
DIVISION OF MEDICAID & MEDICAL ASSISTANCE  
POLICY & PLANNING UNIT

**ADMINISTRATIVE NOTICE A-04-2024**

TO: DMMA and DSS Staff

DATE: February 8, 2024

PROGRAM(S): Medicaid Programs

SUBJECT: 2024 Federal Poverty and Medicaid Assistance Levels

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**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Health & Human Services, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation announced the 2024 Federal Poverty Level (FPL) guidelines on January 17, 2024. The Federal Poverty Level guidelines are used to compute income eligibility standards for:

- Parents/Caretaker Relatives
- Pregnant Women
- Infants
- Children
- Adults
- Delaware Healthy Children Program (DHCP)
- Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)
- Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)
- Qualifying Individual 1 (QI-1)
- Qualified Disabled Working Individual (QDWI)

**DISCUSSION**

The monthly countable income limits are effective January 1, 2024 for parents/caretaker relatives, pregnant women, infants, children, adults, Delaware Healthy Children Program, and QDWIs. The income limits are effective April 1, 2024 for QMBs, SLMBs, and QI-1s, who have Title II income.

- Parents/Caretaker Relatives must have family income at or below 87% of poverty.
- Pregnant women and infants under age 1 must have family income at or below 212% of poverty. Pregnant women count as 2 (or more) family members.
- Children age 1 through age 5 (under age 6) must have family income at or below 142% of poverty.
- Children age 6 through age 18 (under age 19) must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Adults must have family income at or below 133% of poverty.
- Children in the Delaware Healthy Children Program must have income at or below 212% of poverty.
- A QMB must have income at or below 100% of poverty.
- A SLMB must have income at or below 120% of poverty.
- A QI-1 must have income that is over 120% of poverty but does not exceed 135% of poverty.
- A QDWI must have income at or below 200% of poverty.
- For a family size greater than 8, add \$5,380.00\* to the annual income for each family member.
- The 5% FPL Income Disregard is used when determining eligibility for an individual who is over income under a MAGI-based group using the highest income standard available for the individual.
- The tax filing thresholds for dependents are published annually in IRS Pub 501. The thresholds are updated in ASSIST Worker Web to be effective starting in January each year. Single dependents are required to file a tax return if any of the following apply:
  - Countable MAGI based unearned income more than \$1250.00 annually
  - Countable MAGI based earned income more than \$13,850.00 annually
  - Countable MAGI based self-employment income more than \$400.00 annually

**During the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) Delaware Division of Medicaid and Medical Assistance (DMMA) received authority to waive premiums for Diamond State Health Plan (HHCP) Program members. This authority was approved to continue during the PHE Unwinding Period until July 1, 2024.**

**DMMA has received internal state approval, and is in the process of requesting federal authority, effective July 1, 2024, to no longer charge premiums for DHCP Program members permanently.**

The charts below show the income limits for the various medical assistance programs.

**ACTION REQUIRED**

The new income limits will be updated in the eligibility system with the appropriate effective dates.

The eligibility system will identify any cases that were denied or closed due to income between adverse action in December 2023 and the date the new income limits are put into production. Staff will receive a report of these cases and will need to run eligibility for these cases.

**DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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2024 Countable Income Limits for Federal Poverty Level Related Medical Assistance Programs

Family Size	Annual Income 100% FPL	Monthly Income 100% FPL	Monthly Income 87% FPL	Monthly Income 133% FPL	Monthly Income 142% FPL	Monthly Income 212% FPL
1	\$15,060	\$1,255	\$1,092	\$1,669	\$1,782	\$2,661
2	\$20,440	\$1,703	\$1,482	\$2,265	\$2,418	\$3,610
3	\$25,820	\$2,152	\$1,872	\$2,862	\$3,056	\$4,562
4	\$31,200	\$2,600	\$2,262	\$3,458	\$3,692	\$5,512
5	\$36,580	\$3,048	\$2,652	\$4,054	\$4,328	\$6,462
6	\$41,960	\$3,497	\$3,042	\$4,651	\$4,966	\$7,414
7	\$47,340	\$3,945	\$3,432	\$5,247	\$5,602	\$8,363
8	\$52,720	\$4,393	\$3,822	\$5,843	\$6,238	\$9,313
9	\$58,100	\$4,842	\$4,213	\$6,440	\$6,876	\$10,265
10	\$63,480	\$5,290	\$4,602	\$7,036	\$7,512	\$11,215

Family Size	Monthly Income 100% FPL QMB	Monthly Income 120% FPL SLMB	Monthly Income 135% FPL QI-1	Monthly Income 200% FPL QDWI
1	\$1,255	\$1,506	\$1,694	\$2,510
2	\$1,703	\$2,044	\$2,300	\$3,407

Delaware Healthy Children Program 2024 Countable Family Income % of FPL				
Family Size	Monthly Income Ages 6-18 134% - 142%	Monthly Income Ages 1-18 143% - 159%	Monthly Income Ages 1-18 160% - 176%	Monthly Income Ages 1-18 177% - 212%
1	1,682 - 1,782	1,795 - 1,995	2,008 - 2,209	2,221 - 2,661
2	2,282 - 2,418	2,435 - 2,708	2,725 - 2,997	3,014 - 3,610

3	2,884 – 3,056	3,077 - 3,422	3,443 - 3,788	3,809 - 4,562
4	3,484 - 3,692	3,718 – 4,134	4,160 - 4,576	4,602 - 5,512
5	4,084 - 4,328	4,359 - 4,846	4,877 - 5,364	5,395 – 6,462
6	4,686 - 4,966	5,001 - 5,560	5,595 – 6,155	6,190 – 7,414
7	5,286 - 5,602	5,641 - 6,273	6,312 - 6,943	6,983 – 8,363
8	5,887 – 6,238	6,282 - 6,985	7,029 - 7,732	7,776 – 9,313
9	6,488* - 6,876*	6,924* - 7,699*	7,747* - 8,522*	8,570* - 10,265*
10	7,089* - 7,512*	7,565* - 8,411*	8,464* - 9,310*	9,363* - 11,215*

<b>AGI 5% FPL Income Disregard</b>	
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>5% Income Disregard</b>
1	\$63
2	\$85
3	\$108
4	\$130
5	\$152
6	\$175
7	\$197
8	\$220
9	\$242
10	\$265

<b>Delaware Healthy Children Program</b>	
<b>2024 Countable Income Limits 212% FPL</b>	
<b>Family Size</b>	<b>Monthly Income</b>
1	\$2,661
2	\$3,610
3	\$4,562
4	\$5,512
5	\$6,462
6	\$7,414
7	\$8,363
8	\$9,313
9	\$10,265
10	\$11,215