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Subject: **2025 Federal Poverty Level**

The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

Active bulletins are posted on the following websites:

- Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities Handbook (MEPDH) at https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins;
- Texas Works Handbook (TWH) at https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins.

2025 Federal Poverty Level

Background

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the federal poverty level (FPL) annually. Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) uses the FPL to annually adjust the amounts used for eligibility determinations for certain Medicaid programs and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). HHSC converts the FPL to a monthly income amount used to determine the applicable FPL for each program and the standard Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) disregard amounts.

Policy Update

MEPD

Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)

2025 Income Limits and Deeming Amounts

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) – 100% FPL
  - Individual: $1,305
  - Couple: $1,763
  - Deeming amount: $458
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) – 120% FPL
  - Individual: $1,565
  - Couple: $2,115
  - Deeming amount: $550
- Qualifying Individuals (QI-1) – 135% FPL
  - Individual: $1,761
  - Couple: $2,380
  - Deeming amount: $619
- Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) – 200% FPL
  - Individual: $2,609
  - Couple: $3,525
  - Deeming amount: $916

Medicaid Buy-in (MBI) Program

- The MBI income limit is 250% FPL for a person. The 2025 amount is $3,261.
- Use the new 2025 FPL amounts listed below when calculating MBI premium payments:

2025 FPL Amounts for MBI

150% of FPL	$1,957
185% of FPL	$2,413
200% of FPL	$2,609
250% of FPL	$3,261

Medicaid Buy-in for Children (MBIC)

- The MBIC income limit is 150% FPL based on family size.
- The 2025 amounts are listed below:

2025 FPL Amounts for MBIC

Family Size	150% FPL
1	$1,957
2	$2,644
3	$3,332
4	$4,019
5	$4,707
6	$5,394
7	$6,082
8	$6,769

- The 2025 ineligible sibling exclusion amount is ($1,957 x 2) + $85 = $3,999.
- Use the new 2025 FPL amounts listed below when calculating MBIC premium payments:

2025 FPL Amounts for MBIC

Family Size	150% FPL	200% FPL	300% FPL
1	$1,957	$2,609	$3,913
2	$2,644	$3,525	$5,288
3	$3,332	$4,442	$6,663
4	$4,019	$5,359	$8,038
5	$4,707	$6,275	$9,413
6	$5,394	$7,192	$10,788
7	$6,082	$8,109	$12,163
8	$6,769	$9,025	$13,538

Texas Works

2025 FPL Amounts by Type of Assistance (TP and TA)

2025 FPL Amounts by TP and TA

Family Size	133% FPL (3-1-25) TP 44, 34, TA 76	144% FPL (3-1-25) TP 48, 33, TA 75	185% FPL (3-1-25) TP 07	198% FPL (3-1-25) TP 40, 42, 43, 36, 35, TA 74
1	$1,735	$1,878	$2,413	$2,583
2	$2,345	$2,538	$3,261	$3,490
3	$2,954	$3,198	$4,109	$4,398
4	$3,564	$3,858	$4,957	$5,305
5	$4,173	$4,518	$5,805	$6,213
6	$4,783	$5,178	$6,653	$7,120
7	$5,393	$5,838	$7,501	$8,028
8	$6,002	$6,498	$8,349	$8,935
9	$6,612	$7,158	$9,197	$9,843
10	$7,221	$7,818	$10,044	$10,750
11	$7,831	$8,478	$10,892	$11,658
12	$8,440	$9,138	$11,740	$12,565
13	$9,050	$9,798	$12,588	$13,473
14	$9,660	$10,458	$13,436	$14,380
15	$10,269	$11,118	$14,284	$15,288
For each additional person	$610	$660	$848	$908

2025 FPL Amounts by TP and TA Cont.

Family Size	201% FPL (3-1-25) TA 84	202% FPL (3-1-25) TA 85	204.2% FPL (3-1-25) TA 41	400% FPL (3-1-25) TA 77	413% FPL (3-1-25) TP 70
1	$2,622	$2,635	$2,664	$5,217	$5,387
2	$3,543	$3,561	$3,600	$7,050	$7,280
3	$4,464	$4,487	$4,535	$8,884	$9,173
4	$5,386	$5,412	$5,471	$10,717	$11,065
5	$6,307	$6,338	$6,407	$12,550	$12,958
6	$7,228	$7,264	$7,343	$14,384	$14,851
7	$8,149	$8,190	$8,279	$16,217	$16,744
8	$9,071	$9,116	$9,215	$18,050	$18,637
9	$9,992	$10,042	$10,151	$19,884	$20,530
10	$10,913	$10,967	$11,087	$21,717	$22,423
11	$11,834	$11,893	$12,023	$23,550	$24,316
12	$12,756	$12,819	$12,959	$25,384	$26,209
13	$13,677	$13,745	$13,895	$27,217	$28,102
14	$14,598	$14,671	$14,831	$29,050	$29,995
15	$15,519	$15,597	$15,766	$30,884	$31,888
For each additional person	$922	$926	$936	$1,834	$1,893

Standard MAGI Income Disregard

2025 Five Percentage Points of FPL

Family Size	2025 Monthly Disregard Amount
1	$65.25
2	$88.15
3	$111.05
4	$134.00
5	$156.90
6	$179.80
7	$202.75
8	$225.65
9	$248.55
10	$271.50
11	$294.40
12	$317.30
13	$340.25
14	$363.15
15	$386.05
For each additional person	$22.95

2025 IRS Monthly Income Thresholds

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) monthly income thresholds are used to determine if a person's income must be counted when calculating MAGI financial eligibility, as explained in TWH A-1341, Income Limits and Eligibility Tests, Medical Programs, Step 3.

- To determine whether a person is required to file a federal income tax return, compare the specified income types to the IRS thresholds in the following table:

2025 IRS Monthly Income Thresholds

Type of Income	2025 Threshold	Apply Threshold Value in Form H1042, Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Worksheet: Medicaid and CHIP
Unearned Income	$108.33	• Pages 4-6, Step 3, Part 7 • Pages 4-6, Step 3, Part 9
Earned Income	$1,216.67	• Pages 4-6, Step 3, Part 8

Processing Case Actions

When processing a case action on or after Feb. 10, 2025, use the following chart to determine the appropriate FPL and IRS Monthly Income Threshold amounts to use:

Processing Case Actions

If providing coverage for	use the
March 2024 through February 2025,	2024 income limits and threshold amounts.
March 2025 through February 2026,	updated 2025 income limits and threshold amounts.

If providing coverage for months in both time periods, use the 2024 income limits and threshold amounts for the months before March 2025, and use the 2025 income limits and threshold amounts for March 2025 and later.

Processing Form H1146, Medicaid Report, for Transitional Medicaid Cases

When processing a Form H1146 for Transitional Medicaid (TP 07) Eligibility Determination Groups (EDGs), use the following chart to determine when to use the updated 2025 income limits.

Processing Form H1146

If Form H1146 is due	use the
February 2025 or earlier,	2024 income limits.
March 2025 or later,	updated 2025 income limits.

Automation

Changes to the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) were implemented with TIERS Release 119.0.1.0 on Feb. 8, 2025.

For MEPD programs, TIERS:

- uses the 2025 FPL amounts for coverage effective March 1, 2025, and later; and
- re-budgets all active MSP and MBIC cases using the 2025 FPL amounts.

For Texas Works medical programs, TIERS uses the 2025:

- FPL amounts for coverage effective March 1, 2025, and later; and
- IRS Monthly Income Thresholds for coverage effective March 1, 2025, and later when calculating MAGI eligibility.

Correspondence
Correspondence changes are not required.

Handbook
The MEPDH is currently scheduled to be updated in the June 2025 revision.

The TWH is currently scheduled to be updated in the April 2025 revision.

Training
Training is not required.

Effective Date
This policy is effective March 1, 2025.