

Developmental Disabilities Services

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Subject: Eligibility Change for Waiver Services

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Children, Adults and Families | Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> County DD Program Managers | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (<i>please specify</i>): Brokerage |
| | Directors |

Message:

Effective July 1, 2016, eligibility for services available through a Developmental Disabilities waiver includes individuals who are eligible for Medicaid under MAGI. Level of care requirements are unchanged. No action is needed from a Case Management Entity to change an individual currently coded "DDK" in eXPRS to "DDC" or "DDS." A DDEE form is not required.

Impact to the "300% group"

The coding changes do not affect waiver service requirements. Individuals who are eligible for waiver enrollment under the "300% rule" will continue to require monthly waiver services to retain OSIP-M eligibility, categorically eligible individuals (SSI recipients) will not. Individuals who are eligible for Medicaid under MAGI do not require a monthly waiver service to retain Medicaid eligibility.

The membership of the "300% group" has changed. Prior to this change, an individual whose income, earned or SSB, was between the SSI standard (\$733 in 2016) and 300% of the SSI standard (\$2199) fell into the "300% group." Now, an individual with up to 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) can typically qualify for Medicaid under MAGI. That means the 300% group is now individuals with income between approximately \$1366/month and \$2199/month.

Any individual who gets no SSI, has Medicare, or is 65 years old or older cannot be eligible for Medicaid under MAGI and will therefore need to have OSIP-M eligibility in order to access the waiver services, meaning they will remain part of the 300% group even if their income is between the SSI standard and 138% of FPL. The exceptions to this are individuals as described here who are pregnant or are a parent care taker of a relative. It is not the case management entity's responsibility to know or monitor for this, it is included here as information only.

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