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**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPUTY/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR INCOME MAINTENANCE  
INCOME MAINTENANCE SUPERVISORS**

**FROM: KEVIN MAHON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, IMA**

**RE: MA EXTENSIONS AND PREGNANT WOMEN AND CHILDREN**

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: AFDC, AFDC-UP, MA, MA-PWC**

**ORIGINATING OFFICE: OPA/ DIVISION OF PROGRAM POLICY AND  
REGULATION**

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Eligibility for MA extensions after the first six months is based on the customer's earned income falling below 185% of the federal poverty level. The federal poverty level is adjusted annually in February.

**ACTION REQUIRED:**

The income guidelines are to be used to determine eligibility for MA extensions when the 6 month and 9 month quarterly reports are received from the customers. Earned income less verified child care must be below 185% of the poverty level. Additionally, the 1996 MA-PWC, QMB and SLMB income standards are included. Maryland Kids Count also uses the 185% income level. (DHMH is distributing the PWC Manual Release. The QMB/SLMB standards were released in DHMH Manual Release MR-72.)

185% Federal Poverty Level

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>3 Month</u>
1	\$1193	\$3579
2	\$1598	\$4794
3	\$2002	\$6006
4	\$2405	\$7215
5	\$2810	\$8430
6	\$3213	\$9639

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Pregnant Women and Children Assistance Standards

Percentage of 1996 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines  
(Effective March 1, 1996)

	<u>100%</u>	<u>133%</u>	<u>185%</u>
1	\$ 645	\$ 857	\$1,193
2	\$ 864	\$1,149	\$1,598
3	\$1,082	\$1,439	\$2,001
4	\$1,300	\$1,729	\$2,405
5	\$1,519	\$2,020	\$2,810
6	\$1,737	\$2,310	\$3,213
7	\$1,955	\$2,600	\$3,617
8	\$2,174	\$2,891	\$4,022
9	\$2,392	\$3,181	\$4,425
10	\$2,610	\$3,471	\$4,829
11	\$2,829	\$3,763	\$5,234
12	\$3,047	\$4,053	\$5,637

Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Income Standards  
(Effective March 1, 1996)

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Individual	\$645	\$7,740
Couple	\$864	\$10,360

Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary Income Standards  
(Effective March 1, 1996)

	<u>Monthly</u>
Individual	\$645 - \$774
Couple	\$864 - \$1,036

**ACTION REQUIRED OF:** All Local Departments

**ACTION DUE DATE:** Begin using the new income levels for MA Extension  
Quarterly reports with an April 96 due date.  
For PWC, QMB and SLMB March 1, 1996.

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