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RE: 1997 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

**PROGRAMS AFFECTED: TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE, MEDICAL
ASSISTANCE**

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

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The Federal Poverty Income Guidelines were increased effective March 1997. The change was completed in CARES on March 7, 1997. The seasonal disregard that was allowed for the months of January thru April will be removed from CARES effective April 30, 1997 via mass modification on April 12, 1997. The seasonal disregard is the amount of the Social Security Cost of Living Allowance (COLA) for the current year that is normally provided to Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) recipients through the month following the month in which the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines are increased.

The Federal Poverty Level Standards for 1997 are attached. Use new standards when determining eligibility manually on AIMS. Inquiries may be directed to Yolanda Parker at (410) 767-7259 Division of Program Policy and Regulations.

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Attachment

**Federal Poverty Level Standards
(Effective March 1997)**

	Monthly	Annual
1.	\$658	\$7,896
2.	885	10,620
3.	1,111	13,332
4.	1,338	16,056
5.	1,565	18,780
6.	1,791	21,492
7.	2,018	24,216
8.	2,245	26,940
9.	2,471	29,652
10.	2,698	32,376
11.	2,925	35,100
12.	3,151	37,812