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RE: 1998 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVELS

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

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF POLICY AND RESEARCH

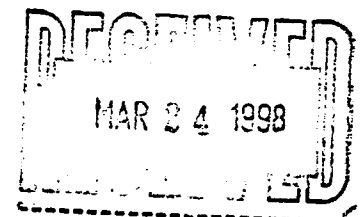
SUMMARY:

The Federal Poverty Income guidelines will increase effective March 1, 1998. The change will be completed in CARES on March 1, 1998. The seasonal disregard that was allowed for the months of January thru April will be removed from CARES effective April 30, 1998. 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 1998 are attached. Direct inquiries to Yolanda M. Parker at (410) 767-7259.

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Attachment



Federal Poverty Level Standards
(Effective March 1993)

	<u>Monthly</u>	<u>Annually</u>
1.	\$ 671	\$8,052
2.	905	10,860
3.	1,138	13,656
4.	1,371	16,452
5.	1,605	19,260
6.	1,838	22,056
7.	2,071	24,852
8.	2,305	27,660
9.	2,538	30,456
10.	2,771	33,252
11.	3,005	36,060
12.	3,238	38,856
13.	3,471	41,652
14.	3,705	44,460
15.	3,938	47,256
16.	4,171	50,052
17.	4,405	52,860
18.	4,638	55,656
19.	4,871	58,452
20.	5,105	61,260
21.	5,338	64,056