

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR CHILDREN
AND FAMILIES

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To: Regional Directors
Economic and Employment Services Program Administrators
Economic and Employment Services Staff
KDHE-HCF Staff, including the KanCare Clearinghouse
Prevention and Protection Services Administrators
Other Staff

Re: Summary of Changes for Kansas Economic and Employment Services
Manual (KEESM) Revision No. 65 effective April 1, 2014.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

A brief overview of the major changes is described below. Other clarifications and technical corrections are also included and described in the next section. Additional technical corrections not mentioned here are being incorporated in KEESM as needed.

Medical Assistance – The new federal poverty levels are being adopted, including an increase in the minimum community spouse income allowance, the dependent family member allowance, and the excess shelter deduction. These changes are all effective April 1, 2014.

DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE, AND DETAILS OF POLICY CHANGE

I. Medical Assistance

A. Changes

1. **Poverty Level Changes** – New federal poverty level guidelines have been published by the Department of Health and Human Services. The guidelines affect the eligibility standards for the following medical groups:
 - a. Income standards for the Medicaid poverty level and CHIP programs, and premium standards for the CHIP program;

- b. Income standards for the QMB, LMB, Expanded LMB, and QWD programs;
- c. Income standards for the TransMed program;
- d. Income and premium standards for the Working Healthy (WH) program;
- e. For spousal impoverishment, the minimum community spouse income allowance increases from \$1,939 to \$1,967. The dependent family member allowance increases from \$647 to \$656. The excess shelter deduction increases from \$218 to \$219.

The following KEESM Sections, Forms and Appendix items are modified with this change:

Sections [8144.2](#) and [8244.2](#)

[ES-3104.5](#), Determination of Need

[ES-3163](#), Income Allowance Determination

[ES-3165](#), Working Healthy Premium Information

Appendix Item [F-8](#), Kansas Medical Assistance Standards.

Separate implementation instructions were issued to staff for these changes.

B. Clarifications

None

FORMS

A. Medical Assistance

1. [ES-3104.5](#), **Determination of Need**
2. [ES-3163](#), **Income Allowance Determination Form**
3. [ES-3165](#), **Working Healthy Premium Information**

APPENDIX

Medical Assistance

[F-8](#), Kansas Medical Assistance Standards

MISCELLANEOUS FORMS

None

EFFECTIVE DATE

Policies for this revision are effective April 1, 2014.

EFFECT ON LOCAL STAFF

The medical changes contained in this revision will likely result in a slight increase in staff effort to incorporate the new poverty level changes.

MATERIALS OBSOLETE BY THIS REVISION

None

COORDINATION EFFORTS

This change was coordinated with staff in Economic and Employment Services, Executive Leadership, and the EES Program Administrators.

Sincerely,
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