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Subject: Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver Income Limit

OPS 980903 states that the income limit for Healthy Beginnings (100% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines) should be used for the income limit for Infants, Toddlers and Families Waiver eligibility. Why isn't 300% of the Federal Benefit rate used for this waiver?

Response By: G. Routsong 4/4/00

The 300% waiver income limit is used for this waiver. If the certification of disability is not received from the Mental Retardation Program at the time of determination of eligibility for Medicaid, the 100% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines limit is used only when determining presumptive eligibility. Once the determination of disability or notification from the Mental Retardation Program is received certifying that the child meets programmatic waiver eligibility requirements, including a waiver service begin date, the 300% limit is used. The appropriate category and facility code 70 are entered in CIS. If the certification that the child meets programmatic eligibility requirements is received from the Mental Retardation Program, no presumptive eligibility determination is needed and the 300% limit is used.