**Policy Clarifications – Medicaid – All**

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 **Citations:**

**Subject:** Capitated Rates Paid to LIFE Program Providers

1. What are the Living Independence For the Elderly (LIFE) Program capitated rate amounts?
2. When would County Assistance Offices (CAOs) use these rates?

**Response By:** Division of Health Services **Date: 5/10/2017**

1. PROMISe generates two different rates; one for recipients of both Medicare and Medical Assistance (also known as dual eligible) and one for recipients of Medical Assistance (MA) only.

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| **State Fiscal Year (SFY) 2016-2017:** | **07/01/2016 – 06/30/2017** |
| MA only: | $4,905.08 |
| Dual eligible: | $3,717.08 |

1. If an individual applying for the LIFE Program in the community has income in excess of 300 percent of the Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) (currently $2,205.00) the individual has the option to spend-down monthly income to the Supplemental Security Income (SSI)-related income limit (currently $757.10). If the individual chooses to spend-down income, CAOs will enter the appropriate capitated rate as an unpaid monthly expense by creating a Medical Expense screen in eCIS. This will allow the MA cascade to review individual eligibility in a spend-down category such as PA/PJ/PM with an ongoing (rather than monthly) program status code of 22. More information about spend-down procedures specific to the LIFE Program is available in section 468.231 of the Long Term Care Handbook.