

Policy Clarifications

Medicaid – All

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Agency: CAOs

Subject: 2021 Federal Poverty Income Guidelines

Question: What are the new Federal Poverty Income Guidelines (FPIGs) for 2021 and when were they effective?

Response By: Division of Health Services

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The 2021 FPIGs are effective January 13, 2021. See [2021 FPIG Income Comparison chart](#) for the updated FPIGs. Handbook updates will be issued shortly.

Due to the ongoing Public Health Emergency (PHE) related to Coronavirus (COVID-19), the updated FPIGs will not impact Medical Assistance (MA) eligibility for most MA recipients. For more information about MA during the PHE and exceptions to maintaining MA eligibility during the PHE, please see [Ops Memo 20-12-03](#) - Exceptions to Maintaining Medical Assistance (MA), Including Long-Term Care (LTC) and Home and Community-Based Services (HCBS) Enrollment during the Public Health Emergency (PHE) - Coronavirus (COVID-19).