

[CA-213839] Incurred Medicare Part B Premium Disregard

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Fix Version/s:	[20.11]	Designer Contact:	Tisha Mutreja	Change Type (SCR):	New Policy
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Non-Committee

Review:

Expedite Approval: Approved by Karen J. Rapponotti via email on 8/17/2020.

Current Design:

Currently, The Systems Medi-Cal EDBC rules allow an Income Disregard for the Medicare Part B Premium if an individual's Medicare Part B Payment Method is Self Paid for the Aged, Blind and Disabled Federal Poverty Level (ABD FPL) program. If the Medicare Part B Premium is State Paid, there is no income disregard for the amount of the Part B Premium even if their income and resource would otherwise meet all eligibility criteria for ABD FPL Program.

When an individual moves from Self Paid Medicare Part B Premium Payment to State Paid, the loss of the income disregard often moves the individual from ABD FPL without a Share of Cost (SOC) to the ABD/Medically Needy (MN) program with a high SOC.

Request: Assembly Bill 1088 allows a new "Incurred Medicare Part B Premium Disregard" when the Medicare Part B Method is State Paid for the ABD FPL programs.

Effective 12/01/2020, The Systems Medi-Cal EDBC rules will apply a new income disregard equal to the amount of the individual's Medicare Part B Premium when determining eligibility for the Aged & Disabled (A&D) FPL or Blind FPL if the Medicare Part B Payment Method is State Paid.

Recommendation:

Effective 12/01/2020,

1. Update Medi-Cal EDBC rules to add new income disregard named, "Incurred Medicare Part B Premium Disregard" equal to the amount of individual's Medicare Part B Premium. Apply this income disregard to ABD FPL budget when an individual has Medicare Part B Premium with Medicare Part B Payment Method as "State" paid and as long as the individual's income and resources remain within the ABD FPL program limits.

Assumptions: No changes to existing eligibility rules when Medicare Part B Premium Payment Method is "Free", "Other Entity" or "Self".

2. Run Batch EDBC for 12/2020 and 01/2021 benefit months for all individuals who have Medicare Part B Payment Method as State paid and are currently active in ABD/MN with a SOC or 250% WDP to apply the "Incurred Medicare Part B Premium Disregard." The updated Medi-Cal EDBC rules will apply this income disregard to ABD FPL budget when an individual has Medicare Part B Premium with Medicare Part B Payment Method as "State" paid and the applied disregard makes the individual eligible to A&D FPL or Blind FPL.

Run in Targeted Programs mode for the Medi-Cal Program only and use the new Journal ID from Recommendation 3.

a. Key Scheduling Dependencies:

This one-time Batch will run during the Regular Batch Schedule following the day of implementation.

b. Data Volume/Performance:

Batch EDBC will run approximately 7,000 individuals in LRS/CalSAWS that would transition with the change.

c. Operations:

Once all the Deployment Activities are completed, Run Data Change Request (DCR) to insert the required population for Batch process the following day of implementation.

3. Create a new auto-journal reason by adding new Batch Eligibility Sweep code (CT 942) that would generate when EDBC is successfully processed through Batch for the transitioned population in Recommendation #2.

SHORT_DESCRIPTION: Apply New Income Medicare Part B Premium Disregard

LONG DESCRIPTION: New income disregard equal to the amount of the individual's incurred Medicare Part B premium

JOURNAL TYPE: Batch EDBC

Outreach

Description:

Migration Impact

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Analysis:

Alternative

Procedure

Description:

Operational Impact:

Estimate: 103

Automated Test :	0	Batch/Interfaces :	0	Batch Operations :	7
CalHEERS :	56	CalHEERS Test :	30	Client Correspondence :	0
DBA :	0	Design :	0	Eligibility :	0
Fiscal :	0	Forms Test :	0	Imaging :	0
IVR/CC :	0	Online :	0	Performance :	0
Release Communication Support :	0	Reports :	0	Reports Test :	0
Security :	0	System Test Support :	0	Tech Arch :	0
Tech Ops :	0	Training :	0		