[CIV-108496] ACWDL 21-01: 2021 Federal Poverty Levels for Medi-Cal
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Current Design:

1. C-IV maintains Medi-Cal Federal Poverty Level (FPL) tables in accordance to ACWDL 20-03.
Three of these tables are used for FPL lookups for the following groups:
   •MSP without RSDI: Applicants and recipients of Medicare Savings Programs (MSP), Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1), who do not receive Title II Retirement, Survivors, and Disability Insurance (RSDI) income.
   •MSP with RSDI: Applicants and recipients of MSP, QMB, SLMB, QI-1, who receive Title II RSDI income.
   •Other Medi-Cal FPL Groups: All other Medi-Cal recipients who receive benefits based on a calculation involving the FPL.
These tables are using values which were implemented with the 2020 FPL Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) under CIV-105301 per ACWDL 20-03. These values are implemented in the system effective to high date (on-going).

Technical Note: Code Table stores values only up to family unit size 10. For every additional member in the family, additional amount is added.

2. Customer's Social Security Administration (SSA) income is updated every year based on the new SSA income increase rate effective the month of January of that particular year. FPL-related budgets also use this updated SSA income, but the new SSA income increase rate is not effective until the month of April for FPL budgets so the system uses a 'Backout Multiplier' to account for the difference. The Backout Multiplier holds the current year's SSA income increase rate value. When handling FPL budgets, the system takes the current SSA income amount and divides it with the Backout Multiplier (CT335_A2_SSA_INCOME_INCREASE_MULTIPLIER) which results in the SSA income amount being equal to the previous SSA income amount for FPL-related budgets. The Backout Multiplier was high-dated to continue for all of 2020.

3. C-IV also updated records with Medicare Part B Premium amount as $144.60 to $148.50 irrespective of the Payment Method effective 01/01/2021 with CA-219535/CIV-107920.

Request:

1. ACWDL 21-01 contains the 2021 FPL COLA values. The system needs to be updated with the new values.

2. With the release of ACWDL 21-01, the 'Backout Multiplier' is no longer needed effective 04/01/2021.

3. Per request from LA County via CDI, update the Medicare Part B Premium amount to $148.50 for records with current amount less than $144.60 and Payment Method as 'State'.

Recommendation:

1. Update the following existing FPL values in the system to the new values in ACWDL 21-01:
   a. FPL values for MSP without RSDI
      i. End-Date the existing 2020 values to 12/31/2020
      ii. Insert the new values effective 01/01/2021 to high-date
         • 100% FPL for QMB w/out SSA (CT351-52)
         • 120% FPL for SLMB w/out SSA (CT351-54)
         • 135% FPL for QI1 w/out SSA (CT351-56)

   b. MSP with RSDI
      i. End-Date the existing 2020 values to 02/28/2021
      ii. Insert the new values effective 03/01/2021 to high-date
         • 100% FPL for QMB w/ SSA (CT351-53)

• 120% FPL for SLMB w/ SSA (CT351-55)
  • 135% FPL for QI1 w/ SSA (CT351-57)

  c. Other Medi-Cal FPL Groups
    i. End-Date the existing 2020 values to 03/31/2021
    ii. Insert the new values effective 04/01/2021 to high-date
      • 100% FPL (CT351-01)
      • 120% FPL (CT351-02)
      • 133% FPL (CT351-04)
      • 135% FPL (CT351-05)
      • 138% FPL (CT351-67)
      • 160% FPL (CT351-50)
      • 185% FPL (CT351-07)
      • 200% FPL (CT351-08)
      • 250% FPL (CT351-09)
    iii.   End Date the existing 2020 value of 150% FPL (CT351-59) to 12/31/2020 as per ACWDL 150% FPL is obsolete. No new values will be inserted.

  d. CMSP Value
    i. End Date the existing 2020 values to 12/31/2020
    ii. Insert the new values effective 01/01/2021 to high-date
      • 300% FPL (CT351-75)
    Technical Note: 300%FPL is not a part of the ACWDL but calculated as thrice the 100% FPL value from the ACWDL.

2. Update the 'Backout Multiplier' values (CT335_A5 and CT335_A6) to '3' (March) since the 2021 FPL limits are being added to the system.

3. Update the Medicare Part B Premium amount to $148.50 for records identified below:

a. Identify the Medicare Part B Premium records with all of the following:
    i. The Medicare Part B Premium amount is less than $144.60 and Payment Method is 'State'
    ii. The Begin date of the Medicare Part B Premium record has a begin date before 01/01/2021
    iii. The Medicare Part B Premium record does not have an end date (high-dated)
    iv. The participant should be non-hidden and non-duplicate
And either of the following:
    i. The participant with Medicare Premium Part B record is Active, Pending or Ineligible on an Active, Pending, or Ineligible Medi-Cal program on or after 01/01/2021
Or
    ii. A participant is Denied or Discontinued on Medi-Cal program within the rescission period of 90 days
Note:
a). The rescission period is the amount of time the user normally rescinds a denied or discontinued case instead of a reapplication.
b). If there is more than one high dated Medicare Part B Premium record for the same person, do not apply the data change.

b. Apply the data change to the identified records with the following actions:
    i. Duplicate the existing record
    ii. End date the existing record 12/31/2020
    iii. Set the begin date of the new record to 01/01/2021
    iv. Set the Medicare Part B amount on the new record to 148.50
    v. Set the verification status of the new record the same as the verification status of previously existing record.
    vi. Change Reason: COLA
    vii. Reported Date: Implementation Date of the SCR

c. Create a Journal Entry for cases where an associated non-hidden, non-duplicate person had the data change applied to their Medicare based on recommendation 3.i
The Journal Entry will be displayed as follows on Journal Detail page:
Journal Category: All
Journal Type: Basic Information
Short Description: SSA COLA Medicare Premium Record Update

	Long Description: The system updated at least one Medicare Premium record for this case in accordance with the 2021 SSA COLA. Note: There will be one journal entry per case.
Outreach Description:	
Operational Impact:	