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3000.00.00 ELIGIBILITY STANDARDS

Each program has separate standards established by law or regulation which must be used to determine eligibility for assistance. This chapter includes information on the following:

Resource Limits (Section 3005);
Facility Private Pay Rate (Section 3006);
Income/Need Standards (Section 3010);
MA Earned Income Disregard (Section 3035);
General Income Disregard (Section 3040);
Medicare Part D Benchmark (Section 3041);
General Earned Income Disregard (Section 3045);
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(Section 3047)

3005.00.00 RESOURCE LIMITS

The resource limit is the maximum value of nonexempt resources which an assistance group (AG) may retain in order to be eligible for assistance.

3005.10.00 RESOURCE LIMITS (MED 1)

The resource limit is dependent upon the category of assistance and the composition and living arrangement of the AG.¹

Effective June 1, 2014, the resource limits for Aged, Blind, and Disabled categories (MA A, MA B, and MA D) are as follows:

\$2000 for an applicant/recipient, who is unmarried, separated from his spouse for reasons other than medical, or whose spouse qualifies as a "community spouse". [For months prior to June 1, 2014, the resource limit is \$1,500].

¹ 405 IAC 2-3-15; 405 IAC 2-9-4; IC 12-15-2-24

\$3000 for an applicant/recipient and his spouse (whether or not the spouse is an applicant/recipient) if the couple is living together, or separated only for medical reasons and the spousal impoverishment provisions do not apply. [For months prior to June 1, 2014, the resource limit is \$2,250].

For the applicant/recipient who is under age 18 and living with his parents, the resource limit for his parents is as follows, unless the child is approved for Home and Community Based Services. Under these waivers, parental resources are not considered.

- \$2000 for a biological or adoptive parent who is unmarried or separated from his spouse [prior to June 1, 2014, the limit is \$1,500]; or
- \$3000 for biological or adoptive parents living together, or who are separated only for medical reasons [prior to June 1, 2014, the limit is \$2,250].

Effective June 1, 2014, the resource limits for M.E.D. Works (MADW, MADI) are:

\$2,000 for an applicant/recipient, who is unmarried, separated from his spouse for reasons other than medical, or whose spouse qualifies as a community spouse. [For months prior to June 1, 2014, the resource limit is \$1,500].

\$3,000 for an applicant/recipient and his spouse (whether or not the spouse is an applicant/recipient if the couple is living together, or separated only for medical reasons and the spousal impoverishment provisions do not apply. [For months prior to June 1, 2014, the resource limit is \$2,250].

Parental resources are exempt for applicant/recipient children.

When an institutionalized individual has a community spouse, the community spouse resource limit is the greatest of the following amounts effective January 1, 2017:²

- The state standard of \$24,180 effective 1/1/17; (\$23,844 effective 1/1/15; \$23,448 effective 1/1/14; \$23,184 effective 1/1/13; \$22,728.00 effective 1/1-12; \$22,728 effective 1-1-12; \$21,912 effective 1/1/09 through 12/31/11; \$20,880 effective 1/1/08 through 12/31/08);

² 405 IAC 2-3-15; Social Security Act (SSA) 1924(f)(2)(A)

- The spousal share, up to a maximum of \$120,900 effective 1/1/17; (\$119,220 effective 1/1/15; 117,240 effective 1/1/14; \$115,920 effective 1/1/13; \$113,640 effective 1/1/12; \$109,560, effective 1/1/09 through 12/31/11; \$104,400 effective 1/1/08 through 12/31/08);
- Any amount of resources ordered by a court against the institutionalized spouse for the support of the community spouse;
- The amount established by an Administrative Law Judge as the result of an appeal; or
- The above standards were not adjusted effective 1/1/10 through 1/1/11 as usual because the CPI did not increase.

3005.10.05 HOME EQUITY RESTRICTION (MED 1)

An applicant will be ineligible for long-term care services, if the applicant's equity interest in the real property is greater than \$560,000 effective 1/1/2017.

- From 1/1/2016 to 12/31/2016 the limit was \$552,000
- From 1/1/2015 to 12/31/2015 the limit was \$552,000
- From 1/1/2014 to 12/31/2014 the limit was \$543,000
- From 1/1/2013 to 12/31/2013 the limit was \$536,000
- From 1/1/2012 to 12/31/2012 the limit was \$525,000
- From 1/1/2011 to 12/31/2011 the limit was \$506,000
- From 1/1/2009 to 12/31/2010 the limit was \$500,000.

3005.15.00 RESOURCE LIMITS (MED 2)

This section is applicable to MA Q (Refugee Medical Assistance) only.

The resource limit is \$1,000 for applicants.

3005.20.00 RESOURCE LIMITS (MED 3)

There are no resource limits for any of the MED 3 categories of assistance. Any amount of resources may be retained by an AG.

3005.25.00 RESOURCE LIMITS (MED 4)

The resource limits for the QMB, SLMB, QDW, and QI

categories are:³

\$7,390 effective 1/01/17 for an applicant/recipient who is unmarried or not living with his spouse;

\$11,090 effective 1/01/17 for an applicant/recipient and his spouse if the couple is living together.

3006.00.00 FACILITY RATE USED TO CALCULATE PENALTY PERIOD (MED)

The average monthly private pay rate for nursing facilities in the statewide geographic region to be used in computing transfer penalties as explained in Section 2640.10.35 is \$6,078. This amount is in effect for applications filed on and after July 1, 2016.

For applications filed on or after:

7-1-15 through 6-30-16, \$5923;
7-1-14 through 6-30-15, \$5733;
7-1-13 through 6-30-14, \$5449;
7-1-12 through 6-30-13, \$5353;
7-1-11 through 6-30-12, \$5139;
7-1-10 through 6-30-11, \$4826;
7-1-09 through 6-30-10, \$4611;
7-1-08 through 6-30-09, \$4456;
7-1-07 through 6-30-08, \$4249;
7-1-06 through 6-30-07, \$3960;
7-1-05 through 6-30-06, \$3898;
7-1-04 through 6-30-05, \$3817;
7-1-03 through 6-30-04, \$3667;
7-1-02 through 6-30-03, \$3,598

For applications filed 11-1-98 through 6-30-02, the amount for the appropriate geographic region below is to be used.

Region I \$ 3,405.21
Region II \$ 3,422.07
Region III \$ 3,267.05

COUNTY	REGION	COUNTY	REGION
ADAMS	I	LAWRENCE	III
ALLEN	I	MADISON	II
BARTHOLOMEW	III	MARION	II
BENTON	II	MARSHALL	I
BLACKFORD	II	MARTIN	III
BOONE	II	MIAMI	I
BROWN	III	MONROE	III

³ SSA 1905(p)(1)(C)

CARROLL	II	MONTGOMERY	II
CASS	I	MORGAN	II
CLARK	III	NEWTON	I
CLAY	III	NOBLE	I
CLINTON	II	OHIO	III
CRAWFORD	III	ORANGE	III
DAVISS	III	OWEN	III
DEARBORN	III	PARKE	III
DECATUR	III	PERRY	III
DEKALB	I	PIKE	III
DELAWARE	II	PORTER	I
DUBOIS	III	POSEY	III
ELKHART	I	PULASKI	I
FAYETTE	II	PUTNAM	III
FLOYD	III	RANDOLPH	II
FOUNTAIN	II	RIPLEY	III
FRANKLIN	II	RUSH	II
FULTON	I	ST. JOSEPH	I
GIBSON	III	SCOTT	III
GRANT	II	SHELBY	II
GREENE	III	SPENCER	III
HAMILTON	II	STARKE	I
HANCOCK	II	STEUBEN	I
HARRISON	III	SULLIVAN	III
HENDRICKS	II	SWITZERLAND	III
HENRY	II	TIPPECANOE	II
HOWARD	II	TIPTON	II
HUNTINGTON	I	UNION	II
JACKSON	III	VANDERBURGH	III
JASPER	III	VERMILLION	III
JAY	II	VIGO	III
JEFFERSON	III	WABASH	I
JENNINGS	III	WARREN	II
JOHNSON	II	WARRICK	III
KNOX	III	WASHINGTON	III
KOSCIUSKO	I	WAYNE	II
LAGRANGE	I	WELLS	I
LAKE	I	WHITE	I
LAPORTE	I	WHITLEY	I

3010.00.00 INCOME/NEED STANDARDS

Income and Need Standards are the maximum income or expense consideration that is given to an AG in order to determine financial eligibility. For some programs, both a gross income and net income comparison are necessary. The specific income or need standards of each program are discussed in the following sections.

3010.20.00 INCOME STANDARDS (MED 1)

The income standards used in determining eligibility for MA A, MA B, and MA D AGs are based on AG size, composition, and

living arrangement. The following sections list the income standards to be utilized in a given case.

All of the income standards that normally increase based on the annual Social Security cost of living adjustment (COLA) effective in January 2011 remained at the 2009 level since there was no COLA in 2010 or 2011. COLA resumed effective January, 2012.

3010.20.05 Eligibility Income Standards (MED 1)

The monthly income standards listed in this section are used in the eligibility determination. These standards are effective March 1, 2016.

\$990 - unmarried applicant/recipient of any age; or applicant/recipient not living with a spouse

\$1335 - married couple, either or both of whom are applicants/recipients

3010.20.05.05 Additional Eligibility Income Standards (MED 1)

The monthly income standards listed in this section are used in the eligibility determination. These standards are effective January 1, 2017.

\$368 - a dependent child; applicable for a child not in an MA assistance group or one who is in an MA assistance group other than MA B or MA D;

\$368 - an essential person;

\$735 - one parent of the child applicant/recipient;

\$1103 - two parents of the child applicant/recipient;
and

\$368 - stepparent.

3010.20.10 Post-Eligibility Standards (MED 1)

The policies stated in this section apply only to the MA A, MA B, and MA D categories of assistance.

The purpose of post-eligibility is to determine the institutionalized applicant's/recipient's liability to the facility. This determination also establishes the amount of the institutionalized applicant's/recipient's income which is allocated to meet the needs of his community spouse and certain other family members. The following standards are used in the post-eligibility calculation:

Personal needs allowance:

- \$52⁴

Effective 7-1-02 (\$50 effective 7-1-99) this is the minimum amount allowed for all applicants/recipients except as stated below for certain veterans.

If the person is receiving long term care services through a home-and-community based waiver (HCBS), the personal needs allowance is equal to the Special Income Level (SIL). Refer to 3010.20.15.

- \$90⁵

This is the maximum amount of the reduced VA benefit payable to a single veteran or veteran's widow in a nursing facility. The amount of the reduced VA benefit is the personal needs allowance for the individual.

- In specific situations, an additional individual amount for increased personal needs is to be deducted. Refer to Section 3455.15.10.

Spousal allocation⁶ based on:

- Spousal Income Standard - \$2003 effective 7-1-16 (\$1992 effective 7-1-15 through 6-30-16; \$1967 effective 7-1-14 through 6-30-15; 1939 effective 7-1-13 through 6-30-14; \$1892 effective 7-1-12 through 6-30-13; \$1839 effective 7-1-11 through 6-30-12; corrected to \$1822 effective 1-1-11 through 6-30-11); \$1823 effective 7-1-09 through 12-31-10; \$1751 effective 7-1-08 through 6-30-09)
- Shelter Standard - \$601 effective 7-1-16; (\$597 effective 7-1-15 through 6-30-16; \$590 effective 7-1-14 through 6-30-15; \$582 effective 7-1-13 through 6-30-14; \$568 effective 7-1-12 through 6-30-13; 552 effective 7-1-11 through 6-30-12; \$547 effective 7-1-09 through 6-30-11; \$526 effective 7-1-08 through 6-30-08)
- Maximum Maintenance Standard - \$3,023 effective 1-

⁴ 405 IAC 2-3-21; 405 IAC 2-3-17

⁵ Section 3203 of Title 38 U.S.C. as amended by OBRA-90 (P.L. 101-508)

⁶ 405 IAC 2-3-17; SSA 1924(d)

1-17; (\$2,981 effective 1-1-15; \$2,931 effective 1-1-14; \$2898 effective 1-1-13; \$2841 effective 1-1-12; \$2739 effective 1-1-09 through 12-31-11; \$2610 effective 1-1-08)

Family allocation⁷ based on:

- 1/3 of the difference between a family member's income and \$2003 effective 7-1-16 (\$1992 effective 7-1-15 through 06-30-16; \$1967 effective 7-1-14 through 6-30-15; \$1939 effective 7-1-13 through 6-30-14; \$1892 effective 7-1-12 through 6-30-13; \$1839 effective 07-01-11 through 6-30-12; \$1822 corrected effective 01-01-11 through 06-30-11; \$1823 effective 07-01-09 through 12-31-10; \$1751 effective 07-07-08 through 06-30-09)

3010.20.15 Special Income Level Used For Institutional Residents and Waiver Services (MED 1)

The Special Income Level (SIL) used in determining eligibility for Institutional Residents and for certain HCBS waivers is 300% of the SSI Maximum Benefit Rate. Effective 1-1-17, the SIL is \$2,205 (effective 1-1-15, the SIL is \$2,199; effective 1-1-14, the SIL is \$2,163; effective 1-1-13, \$2,130; effective 1-1-12, \$2,094; 1-1-09 through 12-31-11, the SIL was \$2,022).

The income standard for the Behavioral and Primary Healthcare Coordination Waiver (BPHC) is 300% of the Federal Poverty Level, or, \$2,970 effective 3-1-16.

3010.20.20 Income Standard/Premiums for M.E.D. Works

The income standard for MADW and MADI is 350% of the Federal Poverty Level. Effective March 1, 2016 the standard is \$3,465. Premiums are listed in the following table.

PREMIUMS						
Family Size	Monthly Gross Income Premium Amount					
1	\$1485 to \$1733	\$ \$1734 to \$1980	\$1981 to \$2475	\$2476 to \$2970	\$2971 to \$3465	\$ \$3466 and over
	\$48	\$69	\$107	\$134	\$161	\$187

⁷ 405 IAC 2-3-17; SSA 1924(d)

2	\$2003 to \$2336	\$2337 to \$2670	\$2671 to \$3338	\$3339 to \$4005	\$4006 to \$4673	\$4674 and over
	\$65	\$93	\$145	\$182	\$218	\$254

3010.25.00 INCOME STANDARDS (MED 2)

The MED 2 income standards are based on the TANF standards.

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for the MA Q category of assistance.⁸

AGs with income exceeding the standard may be eligible for Medical Assistance under the spend-down provision.

AG WITH A PARENT INCLUDED			
AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	139.50	6	463.50
2	229.50	7	522.00
3	288.00	8	580.50
4	346.50	9	639.00
5	405.00	10	697.50
Each Additional Member + \$58.50		Each Additional Member + \$58.50	
AG WITH CHILDREN ONLY			
AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	139.50	6	432.00
2	198.00	7	490.50
3	256.50	8	549.00
4	315.00	9	607.50
5	373.50	10	666.00
Each Additional Member + \$58.50		Each Additional Member + \$58.50	

3010.26.00 TRANSITIONAL MA STANDARDS (MA F)

There is no income standard for the first six months of eligibility. Beginning with the seventh month, the AG's average gross monthly earnings (minus child care expenses)

⁸ 45 CFR 233.20(a)(2)

must be equal to or less than 185% of the Federal Poverty Level for TMA eligibility to continue.⁹ The income standards effective 03/01/16 are shown below:

TMA STANDARDS			
AG SIZE	EARNINGS	AG SIZE	EARNINGS
1	\$1832	5	\$4385
2	\$2470	6	\$5023
3	\$3108	7	\$5663
4	\$3747	8	\$6304
For each additional member, add \$641			

3010.30.00 INCOME STANDARDS (MED 3)

The income standards for the MA 2, MA Y, MA Z, MA 9, MA T, MA O, MAE, MAZ, MASB, MASP, MARB, MASB, MAGP, MA 14, and MA 10 categories of assistance are based on the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The size of the AG determines the income standard to be used. Gross income and net income may not exceed the standards in order for financial eligibility to exist. The following sections list the standards to be used in the consideration of income.

3010.30.05 Income Standards/Low-Income Parents or Caretakers, Children Age 19, 20 and Children in Psychiatric Facilities (MED 3)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for low-income parents or caretakers (MAGF), Children Age 19 or 20 (MA T), and Children Age 18 and under 22 (MA O).

AG WITH A PARENT INCLUDED			
AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	152	6	498
2	247	7	561
3	310	8	624
4	373	9	687
5	435	10	750
Each Additional Member + \$63			

3010.30.10 Income Standards HIP

⁹ SSA 1925

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for uninsured adults who are at least 19 years old and less than 65 years old (MASP, MARP, MANA, MAPC, and MAHL). The income standard is based on 133% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL), effective March 1, 2016.

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	1317	5	3153
2	1776	6	3611
3	2235	7	4071
4	2694	8	4532

For each additional member, add \$461

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for uninsured adults who are at least 19 years old and less than 65 years old (MASB and MARB) who fail to make required financial contribution to a POWER Account and are eligible for HIP Basic coverage. MASB for Transitional Medical Assistance (TMA) recipients are exempt from this chart. The income standard is based on 100% of the FPL, effective March 1, 2016.

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	990	5	2370
2	1335	6	2715
3	1680	7	3061
4	2025	8	3408

For each additional member, add \$347.

* The 5% disregard does not apply to allow someone to be eligible for Basic. Refer to Section 35xx.yy.zz.

3010.30.10.05 Income Standards Low-Income Parent Caretaker

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for Low-Income Parent Caretakers aged between 19 and 64 (MASP and MASB) and for low-income parent caretakers who are eligible for Medicare or eligible to receive an HCBS Waiver (MAGF).

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	152	5	435
2	247	6	498
3	310	7	561
4	373	8	624

For each additional member, add \$63.

3010.30.10.10 Income Standards HIP TMA

For HIP TMA adults aged at least 19 years old and less than 65 years old (MASP and MASB), refer to 3010.26.00.

3010.30.15 Income Standards/Child Age 6 - 18 (MED 3)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for children 6 years old and through the age of 18 (MA 2) effective March 1, 2016. Financial eligibility exists if net income is less than or equal to the standards per AG size.¹⁰ The income standard is based on 106% of the Federal Poverty Level.

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
1	1050	5	2513
2	1416	6	2878
3	1781	7	3245
4	2147	8	3612

For each additional member, add \$368

3010.30.20 Income Standards/Child Age 1 - 5 (MED 3)

This chart lists the monthly income standards for the following groups: children age 1 through 5 (MA Z) and family planning services (MA E), effective March 1, 2016.¹¹ The income standard is based on 141% of Federal Poverty Level.

¹⁰ SSA 1902(1)(2)

¹¹ SSA 1902(1)(2)

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
<u>1</u>	<u>1396</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3342</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>1883</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3829</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>2369</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4316</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>2856</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>4805</u>

For each additional member, add \$489

3010.30.25 Income Standards/Child Under 19 (MED 3)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for the following groups: children age 1-5, 141-158% FPL; children age 6-18, 106-158% FPL. The category is MA 9. The standards are effective March 1, 2016.¹² (Refer to Section 1620.86 for an explanation of this category). The income standard is based on 158% of Federal Poverty Level.

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
<u>1</u>	<u>1565</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>3745</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>2110</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>4290</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>2655</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4837</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>3200</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>5384</u>

For each additional member, add \$548

3010.30.30 Pregnant Women, Infants Under Age One (MED 3)

This chart lists the monthly income standards for pregnant women (MAGP) and infants under age one (MA Y). These standards are based on 208% of the Federal Poverty Level and are effective March 1, 2016.

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
<u>1</u>	<u>2060</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4930</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>2777</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5648</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>3495</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6367</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>4212</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7088</u>

For each additional member, add \$721

3010.30.35 Foster Care Independence (MED 3)

This chart lists the monthly income standards for children who were in foster care on the 18th birthday in a state other

¹² IC 12-15-2-14

than Indiana and are less than 21 years old (MA 14). These standards are based on 210% of the Federal Poverty Level and are effective March 1, 2016.

AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	NET INCOME STANDARD
<u>1</u>	<u>2079</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>4977</u>
<u>2</u>	<u>2804</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>5702</u>
<u>3</u>	<u>3528</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>6428</u>
<u>4</u>	<u>4253</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>7156</u>

For each additional member, add \$728

3010.30.40 Certain Children / Premiums, and (MED 3)

This chart lists the income standards for children from birth through 18 years of age (MA10), which is Package C, Children's Health Plan. The standard is based on 250% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) and effective March 1, 2016. For children with income above 158% FPL standard and below the 250% FPL standard, there are tiers to determine the premium amount, which will also take into account the number of children covered.

AG SIZE	MONTHLY LIMIT	
	TIER 1 (175% FPL)	TIER 2 (200% FPL)
1	\$ 1733	\$ 1980
2	\$ 2337	\$ 2670
3	\$ 2940	\$ 3360
4	\$ 3544	\$ 4050
5	\$ 4148	\$ 4740
6	\$ 4752	\$ 5430

MONTHLY PREMIUMS		
NUMBER OF CHILDREN	TIER 1	TIER 2

1	\$ 22.00	\$ 33.00
2 or More	\$ 33.00	\$ 50.00

AG SIZE	MONTHLY LIMIT	
	TIER 3 (225% FPL)	TIER 4 (250% FPL)
1	\$ 2228	\$ 2475
2	\$ 3004	\$ 3338
3	\$ 3780	\$ 4200
4	\$ 4557	\$ 5063
5	\$ 5333	\$ 5925
6	\$ 6109	\$ 6788

NUMBER OF CHILDREN	MONTHLY PREMIUMS	
	TIER 3	TIER 4
1	\$ 42.00	\$ 53.00
2 or More	\$ 53.00	\$ 70.00

3010.35.00 INCOME STANDARDS (MED 4)

Income standards for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB), Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB), Qualified Disabled Worker (QDW), and Qualified Individual (QI) are based on the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines. The size of the AG determines the income standard to be used. If countable income exceeds the standard, the applicant/recipient is not financially eligible.¹³

3010.35.05 QMB Income Standards (MED 4)

¹³ SSA 1905(p)(2)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for the QMB (MA L) category of assistance effective March 1, 2016. This standard is based on 150% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

AG SIZE	INCOME STANDARD	AG SIZE	INCOME STANDARD
1	1485	5	3555
2	2003	6	4073
3	2520	7	4592
4	3038	8	5112
Family Member Standard: \$520			

3010.35.10 SLMB Income Standards (MED 4)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for the SLMB category of assistance effective March 1, 2016. This standard is based on 170% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME STANDARD	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME STANDARD
1	1683	5	4029
2	2270	6	4616
3	2856	7	5204
4	3443	8	5793
Family Member Standard: \$590			

3010.35.15 QDW Income Standards (MED 4)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for the QDW (MA G) category of assistance effective March 1, 2016. This standard is based on 200% of the Federal Poverty Income Guidelines.

FAMILY SIZE	INCOME STANDARD	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME STANDARD
1	1980	5	4740
2	2670	6	5430
3	3360	7	6122
4	4050	8	6815
Each Additional Member: \$694			

3010.35.20 QI Income Standards (MED 4)

This chart lists the monthly income standards to be used for the QI (MA I) effective March 1, 2016. This standard is based on 185% of the Federal Poverty Levels.

FAMILY SIZE	MA I INCOME STANDARD	FAMILY SIZE	INCOME STANDARD
1	1832	5	4385
2	2470	6	5023
3	3108	7	5663
4	3747	8	6304

Each Additional Member: \$642

3040.00.00 GENERAL INCOME DISREGARD (MED 1, 4)

Prior to 6/1/2014, the general income disregards for MA A, MA B, MA D, MADW and MADI AGs was \$15.50.

Effective 6/1/2014, the general income disregard for these categories increased to \$20.00.

For MA L (QMB), MA J (SLMB), MA G (QDW), MA I (QI-1) and AGs it is \$20.00.

3041.00.00 MEDICARE PART D BENCHMARK (MED 1)

The Medicare Part D Benchmark effective 01-01-17 is \$32.06 (01-01-16 was \$31.90; 01-01-15 was \$31.79; 01-01-14 was \$34.95; 01-01-13 was \$37.22; 01-01-12 was \$35.92; 01-01-11 was \$36.44; 01-01-10 was \$35.75; 01-01-09 was \$33.95; 1-1-08 was \$33.50).

3045.00.00 GENERAL EARNED INCOME DISREGARD (MED 1 MED 4)

In the eligibility determination, \$20 per month of all earned income, plus 1/2 of the remaining earned income, is disregarded. The earned income disregard is applied once to the AG's combined total earned income.¹⁴

3046.00.00 SUBSTANTIAL GAINFUL ACTIVITY AMOUNT (MED 1)

Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) is the limitation on gross earnings that is used to determine categorical eligibility. The amount is \$1,170 effective January 1, 2017 (effective 1-1-16, \$1,130; 1-1-15, \$1,090; 1-1-14, \$1,070; \$1,040 effective 1-1-13, \$1,040; 1-1-12, \$1,010; 1-1-10 through 12-31-11 was \$1,000; effective 1-1-09, \$980; effective 1-1-08, \$940).

3047.00.00 MINIMUM EARNINGS FOR M.E.D. WORKS IMPROVED CATEGORY (MED 1)

The monthly minimum earnings amount for MADI is \$290. This

¹⁴ 405 IAC 2-3-3

is calculated by multiplying the federal minimum wage, currently as of July 24, 2009, \$7.25 times 40.¹⁵

¹⁵ 405 IAC 2-9-5(b)