

Care 4 Kids Program POLICY TRANSMITTAL



DIVISION OF FAMILY SERVICES-CHILD CARE TEAM

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Subject: State Median Income Standards

Program Issue: The Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has issued revised state median income (SMI) standards for 2002. This transmittal serves as formal notification of the changes in the SMI and provides guidance for implementing the revised standards in the Care 4 Kids program.

Background: In Connecticut, the SMI standards are used to determine income eligibility and parent fees for applicants and recipients of the Care 4 Kids program. DHHS updates the SMI standards annually. The changes take effect beginning on July 1 of each year and remain in effect until June 30 of the following year.

Income Eligibility

The regulatory citation pertaining to the implementation of changes in the income eligibility standards is located in Section 17b-749-05 (a)(4) of the Child Care Assistance Program Regulations. The regulation requires DSS to update the SMI levels annually. It specifies that for new applicants, the revised standards take effect beginning with applications received on or after July 1 of each year. Therefore, applications received on or after July 1 will have eligibility determined using the revised income standards. *For applications received prior to July 1, the SMI standard that was in effect on the date of application must be used regardless of when the application is processed.* This approach assures that the same standards are used to determine eligibility for families who apply for assistance on the same day.

For active recipients, the regulation specifies that the updated SMI standards shall take effect no later than the first redetermination completed on or after July 1 of each calendar year. DSS has opted to implement the revised standards for recipients effective with the first eligibility determination completed on or after July 1, including redeterminations and any interim changes that require income eligibility to be reassessed.

Parent Fees

The requirements for implementing changes in parent fees are discussed in Section 17b-74-13 (f)(6) of the regulations. The regulations state that the parent fee is determined at the time of application and remains in effect until the next redetermination unless there is an ongoing decrease in family income. Accordingly, changes in the SMI tables do not require a mass modification of parent fees. The fee established prior to

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July 1 remains in effect until the next redetermination or until a decrease in income requires the fee to be reassessed.

Actions: ACS is directed to update the CCMIS administrative tables with revised SMI standards (attached) and to implement the standards in accordance with the requirements described in this transmittal. DSS will confirm the accuracy of system tables once ACS advises DSS that the changes have been entered into CCMIS.

Informational materials and brochures that contain the fee schedule must be updated for future distribution.

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attachments

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SELECTED ANNUAL STATE MEDIAN INCOME GUIDELINES

Effective July 1, 2002

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
20% SMI	8,601	11,247	13,894	16,540	19,187	21,833	22,330	22,826	23,322	23,818	24,314	24,811
30% SMI	12,902	16,871	20,841	24,811	28,780	32,750	33,494	34,239	34,983	35,727	36,472	37,216
40% SMI	17,202	22,495	27,788	33,081	38,374	43,667	44,659	45,652	46,644	47,636	48,629	49,621
50% SMI	21,503	28,119	34,735	41,351	47,967	54,583	55,824	57,064	58,305	59,545	60,786	62,027
75% SMI	32,254	42,178	52,102	62,027	71,951	81,875	83,736	85,597	87,457	89,318	91,179	93,040
100% SMI	43,005	56,237	69,470	82,702	95,934	109,167	111,648	114,129	116,610	119,091	121,572	124,053

The family share of the approved cost is a percentage of the assistance unit's gross income:

Family Share	AU Income Range
2%	0% to less than 20% SMI
4%	20% to less than 30% SMI
6%	30% to less than 40% SMI
8%	40% to less than 50% SMI
10%	50% to less than 75% SMI

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SELECTED MONTHLY STATE MEDIAN INCOME GUIDELINES

Effective July 1, 2002

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
20% SMI	717	937	1,158	1,378	1,599	1,820	1,861	1,902	1,944	1,985	2,026	2,068
30% SMI	1,075	1,406	1,737	2,068	2,399	2,729	2,791	2,853	2,915	2,978	3,039	3,101
40% SMI	1,434	1,875	2,316	2,757	3,198	3,639	3,722	3,804	3,887	3,970	4,052	4,135
50% SMI	1,792	2,344	2,895	3,446	3,998	4,549	4,652	4,756	4,859	4,963	5,066	5,169
75% SMI	2,688	3,515	4,343	5,169	5,996	6,824	6,978	7,133	7,289	7,444	7,598	7,754
100% SMI	3,584	4,687	5,790	6,892	7,995	9,098	9,304	9,511	9,718	9,925	10,131	10,338

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4%	20% to less than 30% SMI
6%	30% to less than 40% SMI
8%	40% to less than 50% SMI
10%	50% to less than 75% SMI