



## **MEPD and TW Bulletin 23-04**

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**To:** Eligibility Services Supervisors and Staff  
Program Managers  
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**From:** Access and Eligibility Services Program Policy  
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**Subject: 2023 Federal Poverty Level**

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The information in this bulletin will be included in a future handbook revision. Until the handbook is updated, staff must use the information in this bulletin. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures.

Active bulletins are posted on the following websites:

- [Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities Handbook \(MEPDH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/mepd/policy-bulletins>;
- [Texas Works Handbook \(TWH\)](https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins) at <https://hhs.texas.gov/laws-regulations/handbooks/texas-works-handbook/texas-works-bulletins>.

## 2023 Federal Poverty Level

### Background

The United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) updates the federal poverty level (FPL) annually. Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) uses the FPL to annually adjust amounts used for eligibility determinations for certain Medicaid programs and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). HHSC converts the FPL to a monthly income amount used to determine the applicable FPL for each program and the standard Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) disregard amounts.

### Policy Update

#### [MEPD](#)

#### *Medicare Savings Programs (MSP)*

##### 2023 Income Limits and Deeming Amounts

- Qualified Medicare Beneficiaries (QMB) – 100 percent FPL
  - Individual: \$1,215
  - Couple: \$1,643
  - Deeming amount: \$428
- Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB) – 120 percent FPL
  - Individual: \$1,458
  - Couple: \$1,972
  - Deeming amount: \$514
- Qualifying Individuals (QI-1) – 135 percent FPL
  - Individual: \$1,640
  - Couple: \$2,219
  - Deeming amount: \$579
- Qualified Disabled Working Individuals (QDWI) – 200 percent FPL
  - Individual: \$2,430
  - Couple: \$3,287
  - Deeming amount: \$857

#### *Medicaid Buy-in (MBI) Program*

- The MBI income limit is 250 percent FPL for a person. The 2023 amount is \$3,038.
- Use the new 2023 FPL amounts listed below when calculating MBI premium payments:

**2023 FPL Amounts for MBI**

<b>150% of FPL</b>	\$1,823
<b>185% of FPL</b>	\$2,248
<b>200% of FPL</b>	\$2,430
<b>250% of FPL</b>	\$3,038

*Medicaid Buy-In for Children (MBIC)*

- The MBIC income limit is 150 percent FPL based on family size.
- The 2023 amounts are listed below:

**2023 FPL Amounts for MBIC**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>150% FPL</b>
<b>1</b>	\$1,823
<b>2</b>	\$2,465
<b>3</b>	\$3,108
<b>4</b>	\$3,750
<b>5</b>	\$4,393
<b>6</b>	\$5,035
<b>7</b>	\$5,678
<b>8</b>	\$6,320

- The 2023 ineligible sibling exclusion amount is  $(\$1,823 \times 2) + \$85 = \$3,731$ .
- Use the new 2023 FPL amounts listed below when calculating MBIC premium payments:

**2023 FPL Amounts for MBIC**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>150% FPL</b>	<b>200% FPL</b>	<b>300% FPL</b>
<b>1</b>	\$1,823	\$2,430	\$3,645
<b>2</b>	\$2,465	\$3,287	\$4,930
<b>3</b>	\$3,108	\$4,144	\$6,215
<b>4</b>	\$3,750	\$5,000	\$7,500
<b>5</b>	\$4,393	\$5,857	\$8,785
<b>6</b>	\$5,035	\$6,714	\$10,070
<b>7</b>	\$5,678	\$7,570	\$11,355
<b>8</b>	\$6,320	\$8,427	\$12,640

[Texas Works](#)*2023 FPL Amounts by Type of Assistance (TP and TA)***2023 FPL Amounts by TP and TA**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>133% FPL (3-1-23) TP 44, TP 34, TA 76</b>	<b>144% FPL (3-1-23) TP 48, TP 33, TA 75</b>	<b>185% FPL (3-1-23) TP 07</b>	<b>198% FPL (3-1-23) TP 40, TP 42, TP 43, TP 36, TP 35, TA 74</b>
<b>1</b>	\$1,616	\$1,750	\$2,248	\$2,406
<b>2</b>	\$2,186	\$2,367	\$3,041	\$3,254
<b>3</b>	\$2,756	\$2,984	\$3,833	\$4,102
<b>4</b>	\$3,325	\$3,600	\$4,625	\$4,950
<b>5</b>	\$3,895	\$4,217	\$5,418	\$5,799
<b>6</b>	\$4,465	\$4,834	\$6,210	\$6,647
<b>7</b>	\$5,035	\$5,451	\$7,003	\$7,495
<b>8</b>	\$5,604	\$6,068	\$7,795	\$8,343
<b>9</b>	\$6,174	\$6,684	\$8,588	\$9,191
<b>10</b>	\$6,744	\$7,301	\$9,380	\$10,039
<b>11</b>	\$7,313	\$7,918	\$10,172	\$10,887
<b>12</b>	\$7,883	\$8,535	\$10,965	\$11,735
<b>13</b>	\$8,453	\$9,152	\$11,757	\$12,583
<b>14</b>	\$9,022	\$9,768	\$12,550	\$13,431
<b>15</b>	\$9,592	\$10,385	\$13,342	\$14,280
<b>For each additional person</b>	\$570	\$617	\$793	\$849

**2023 FPL Amounts by TP and TA  
Cont.**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>201% FPL (3-1-23) TA 84</b>	<b>202% FPL (3-1-23) TA 85</b>	<b>204.2% FPL (3-1-23) TA 41</b>	<b>400% FPL (3-1-23) TA 77</b>	<b>413% FPL (3-1-23) TP 70</b>
<b>1</b>	\$2,443	\$2,455	\$2,482	\$4,860	\$5,018
<b>2</b>	\$3,304	\$3,320	\$3,356	\$6,574	\$6,787
<b>3</b>	\$4,165	\$4,185	\$4,231	\$8,287	\$8,556
<b>4</b>	\$5,025	\$5,050	\$5,105	\$10,000	\$10,325
<b>5</b>	\$5,886	\$5,916	\$5,980	\$11,714	\$12,095
<b>6</b>	\$6,747	\$6,781	\$6,855	\$13,427	\$13,864
<b>7</b>	\$7,608	\$7,646	\$7,729	\$15,140	\$15,633
<b>8</b>	\$8,469	\$8,511	\$8,604	\$16,854	\$17,402
<b>9</b>	\$9,330	\$9,377	\$9,479	\$18,567	\$19,171
<b>10</b>	\$10,191	\$10,242	\$10,353	\$20,280	\$20,940
<b>11</b>	\$11,052	\$11,107	\$11,228	\$21,994	\$22,709
<b>12</b>	\$11,913	\$11,972	\$12,103	\$23,707	\$24,478
<b>13</b>	\$12,774	\$12,838	\$12,977	\$25,420	\$26,247
<b>14</b>	\$13,635	\$13,703	\$13,852	\$27,134	\$28,016
<b>15</b>	\$14,496	\$14,568	\$14,727	\$28,847	\$29,785
<b>For each additional person</b>	\$861	\$866	\$875	\$1,714	\$1,770

*Standard MAGI Income Disregard*

**2023 Five Percentage Points of FPL**

<b>Family Size</b>	<b>2023 Monthly Disregard Amount</b>
<b>1</b>	\$60.75
<b>2</b>	\$82.15
<b>3</b>	\$103.60
<b>4</b>	\$125.00
<b>5</b>	\$146.45
<b>6</b>	\$167.85
<b>7</b>	\$189.25
<b>8</b>	\$210.70
<b>9</b>	\$232.10
<b>10</b>	\$253.50
<b>11</b>	\$274.95
<b>12</b>	\$296.35
<b>13</b>	\$317.75
<b>14</b>	\$339.20
<b>15</b>	\$360.60
<b>For each additional person</b>	\$21.45

*2023 IRS Monthly Income Thresholds*

The IRS monthly income thresholds are used to determine if a person’s income must be counted when calculating MAGI financial eligibility, as explained in [TWH A-1341](#), Income Limits and Eligibility Tests, Medical Programs, Step 3.

- To determine whether a person is required to file a federal income tax return, compare the specified income types to the IRS thresholds in the following table:

**2023 IRS Monthly Income Thresholds**

<b>Type of Income</b>	<b>2023 Threshold</b>	<b>Apply Threshold Value in Form H1042, Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Worksheet: Medicaid and CHIP</b>
<b>Unearned Income</b>	\$95.83	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 4-6, Step 3, Part 7</li> <li>• Pages 4-6, Step 3, Part 9</li> </ul>
<b>Earned Income</b>	\$1,079.17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pages 4-6, Step 3, Part 8</li> </ul>

[Process Changes](#)

*Processing Case Actions*

When processing a case action on or after February 6, 2023, use the following chart to determine when the new FPL and IRS Monthly Income Threshold amounts will be used:

**Processing Case Actions**

<b>If providing coverage for...</b>	<b>use the...</b>
<b>March 2022 through February 2023</b>	<b>2022 income limits and threshold amounts</b>
<b>March 2023 through February 2024</b>	<b>updated 2023 income limits and threshold amounts</b>

If providing coverage for months in both time periods, the 2022 income limits and threshold amounts are used for months before March 2023 and the 2023 income limits and threshold amounts are used for March 2023 and later.

*Processing Form H1146, Medicaid Report, for Transitional Medicaid Cases*

When processing a Form H1146 for Transitional Medicaid (TP 07) EDGs, use the following chart to determine when the updated 2023 income limits will be used.

**Processing Form H1146**

<b>If Form H1146 is due...</b>	<b>use the...</b>
<b>February 2023 or earlier</b>	<b>2022 income limits</b>
<b>March 2023 or later</b>	<b>updated 2023 income limits</b>

**Automation**

Changes to the Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) were implemented with TIERS Release 113.3.1.0 on February 4, 2023.

For MEPD programs, TIERS:

- uses the 2023 FPL amounts for coverage effective March 1, 2023, and later; and
- re-budgets all active MSP and MBIC cases using the 2023 FPL amounts.

For Texas Works programs, TIERS:

- uses the 2023 FPL amounts for coverage effective March 1, 2023, and later; and
- uses the 2023 IRS Monthly Income Thresholds for coverage effective March 1, 2023, and later when calculating MAGI eligibility.

**Correspondence**

Correspondence changes are not required.

**Handbook**

The MEPDH is currently scheduled to be updated in the June 2023 revision.

The TWH is currently scheduled to be updated in the April 2023 revision.

**Training**

Training is not required.

**Effective Date**

This policy is effective March 1, 2023.