

HUSKY A Parent Transition for June 2018

State Budget Legislation Implementation



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- As of July 1st, 2018, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) income limit will be increased for Husky A - Parents & Caretaker Relatives **only**. This increase will allow more parents & caretaker relatives to qualify for Husky A coverage.
- The HUSKY A income Limit for Parents and Caretaker Relatives increases from 133% of the FPL to 150% of the FPL.
- MAGI rules also require an income disregard of 5% FPL.
- The inclusion of the 5% income disregard results in an effective income limit of **155% FPL**.

- HUSKY A – Transitional Medicaid Assistance (TMA) recipients affected:
 - 11,700+ individuals
 - 9,400+ households
 - 9,400+ primary applicant mailings
 - 3,000+ Authorized Representative mailings

- Those denied HUSKY A – Parent & Caretaker Relative coverage as of 1/1/18 and those currently QHP eligible:
 - The individuals in this category will be determined 6/30/18 and will receive a special notice informing them of the increased income limits and to contact AHCT to reapply using the new guidelines.

- DSS website, www.ct.gov/huskychanges, updated with a summary of changes, new income charts, and copy of English and Spanish version notices.

Newly eligible HUSKY A – Parents & Caretaker Relative applicants begin coverage under the increased limits.



Transition Schedule:

- FPL table updated on 5/24/18 for coverage effective 7/1/18
- Special mailing to all affected HUSKY A – TMA consumers was sent 6/5/18.
- Beginning 6/7/18, DSS began reassessing eligibility for all HUSKY A Parents & Caretaker Relatives. Parents & Caretaker Relatives with income below 155% of FPL will be transitioned to HUSKY A – Parents & Caretaker Relative coverage. Households with income above 155% will remain on TMA through their original end date.
- The usual eligibility notice will be generated and mailed with the new determinations

Consumers denied HUSKY A – Parents & Caretaker Relative coverage:

- Special mailing will be sent the first week of July to notify of the new guidelines and encourage them to submit a new application to be considered using the higher income limits.

Special Mailing
For current TMA
households

- Funding for the Medicare Savings Program has been restored with the recently passed budget. Individuals will continue to be evaluated under the same income limits prior to the proposed changes.

The current income limits for MSP programs:

MEDICARE SAVINGS PROGRAM (MSP)	Monthly Income Limit (Single)	Monthly Income Limit (Couple)
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB)	\$2,135.32	\$2,894.92
Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB)	\$2,337.72	\$3,169.32
Additional Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (ALMB)	\$2,489.52	\$3,375.12

- Notices have been mailed to 146,000 MSP recipients and their Authorized Representatives, to inform them that the proposed changes will **not** occur and that the current program limits remain the same.
- The DSS website has also been updated with copies of the English and Spanish version notices at <http://portal.ct.gov/DSS/Health-And-Home-Care/Medicare-Savings-Program/Letter-to-Enrollees-of-the-Medicare-Savings-Programs>.
- MSP recipients that have questions about their health insurance coverage should be directed to call CHOICES at 1-822-994-9422