



Department of Human Resources
311 West Saratoga Street
Baltimore MD 21201

**FAMILY INVESTMENT ADMINISTRATION
INFORMATION MEMO**

Control Number: #10-23

Effective Date: Upon Receipt
Issuance Date: March 17, 2010

**TO: DIRECTORS, LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES
ASSISTANT DIRECTORS OF ADMINISTRATION / FINANCE
OFFICERS
DEPUTY / ASSISTANT DIRECTORS FOR FAMILY INVESTMENT
FAMILY INVESTMENT SUPERVISORS AND ELIGIBILITY STAFF**

**FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FIA *Kevin M. McGuire*
DEBBIE RUPPERT, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DHMH/OES *Debbie Ruppert***

**RE: NO CHANGE IN 2010 FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL)
FOR MA COVERAGE GROUPS**

PROGRAM AFFECTED: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

SUMMARY:

Each year, the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) is determined by the Department of Health and Human Services. This number is adjusted annually for inflation, using the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The CPI freeze for 2010 will result in no change in the FPL for all MA coverage groups.

Effective January 1, 2010, all income standards based on multiples of the FPL will remain the same as 2009 income standards. Monthly Income and other MA schedules released in 2010 will indicate that there is no change this year.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct MA policy questions to the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy at 410-767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463).

cc: DHR Executive Staff
DHMH Executive Staff
FIA Management Staff
Constituent Services
DHR Help Desk