

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR MANUAL RELEASES

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COMMENTS

QMB/SLMB Income Standards

Manual Release MR-130 contains the new QMB/SLMB income standards that are effective **March 1, 2006**. Apply the new standards to any application or redetermination dated March 1, 2006 or after. The seasonal COLA disregard will be removed from CARES effective March 31, 2006 via mass modification.

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MARYLAND MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Table 1

QMB INCOME STANDARDS

Effective 3/1/06	Individual	Couple
Annual	\$10,044.00*	\$13,440.00*
Monthly	\$837.00*	\$1,120.00*

*Gross income before applying the \$20 disregard

Table 2

SSI PAYMENT RATE

Effective 1/1/06	Individual	Couple
Monthly	\$603.00	\$904.00

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Table 3
SLMB INCOME STANDARDS

Effective 3/1/06	Individual	Couple
Monthly	\$838 - \$999*	\$1,121 - \$1,339*

*Gross income before applying the \$20 disregard

Table 4
SLMB II INCOME STANDARDS

Effective 3/1/06	Individual	Couple
Monthly	\$1,000 - \$1,122*	\$1,340- \$1,504*

*Gross income before applying the \$20 disregard