
EFFECTIVE

October 1, 2014.

Subject(s)

1. Annual federal cost-of-living changes for the Food Assistance Program (FAP).
2. Medicaid (MA).
3. Foster Care payment schedule.

**1)Annual Federal
Cost-of-Living
Changes for FAP****FAP****RFT 250, 255, 260**

Bridges is updated to support the annual cost-of-living update for FAP standards. The update will appear in budgets with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

The Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has determined an increase for the maximum amount of FAP benefits for all group sizes. Additionally, FNS has determined heat and utility standard used in calculating FAP benefits will remain the same at \$553, the non-heat electric standard is decreased from \$127 per month to \$124 per month and the trash/garbage removal standard is increased from \$14 to \$21. Other standards have a minimal increase, decrease or remain the same.

Reason: Annual standards update.

Communication Plan: Weekly Staff News.

2)MA**Medicaid (MA)****RFT 242**

The monthly income limit listed is 100 percent of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) plus a 20 dollar disregard under title II.

**3) Payment
Schedule**

Reason: New format.

Foster Care

RFS 205 and 206

The Children's Foster Care Payment Schedule and the Independent Living Payment Schedule have been updated with MiSACWIS changes for 2014.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items ...

[RFS 205](#)

[RFS 206](#)

[RFT 242](#)

[RFT 250](#)

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