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### Policy

Customers must report all changes in income for themselves and anyone else included in their budget group. See [MA602](#) for the people included in the budget group for each MA program. Changes in income may also be found through electronic data matches. A change in income includes any of the following:

- How often the income is received;
- The amount of income received; and
- The source of income.

#### 1) Impact of Change in Income

Increases or decreases in the income may affect the customer in different ways depending on the program under which the customer is receiving benefits:

If the customer receives...	And the income change is for...	Then the income change may affect the customer's
ALTCS; or  FTW – ALTCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer;</li> <li>• Customer's spouse</li> <li>• Customer or spouse's dependent children</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income eligibility; or</li> <li>• Share of Cost.</li> </ul>

SSI-MAO MSP FTW	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer;</li> <li>• Customer's spouse;</li> <li>• Customer or spouse's dependent children; or</li> <li>• Customer's parent (if customer is a minor)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income eligibility; or</li> <li>• MA program.</li> </ul>
Adult; Caretaker Relative Child	Anyone in the MAGI budget group (See <a href="#">MA602.D</a> )	Income eligibility.
Pregnant Woman	Anyone in the customer's budget group (See <a href="#">MA602.D</a> )	MA program NOTE Increases in income that happen after the customer is approved as a Pregnant Woman do not affect eligibility.
KidsCare	Anyone in the customer's budget group (See <a href="#">MA602.D</a> )	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Income eligibility; or</li> <li>• MA program.</li> </ul>
TMA/CC	Anyone in the customer's budget group (See <a href="#">MA602.D</a> )	MA program NOTE When income increases after a TMA period or CC is approved, no action is taken until the next renewal.
YATI	Anyone in the customer's budget group (See <a href="#">MA602.D</a> )	MA program NOTE There is no income limit for YATI.

NOTE A change in income only affects BCCTP or YATI if the customer's income decreases enough that he or she qualifies for another MA program.

## 2) Income Changes Reported During the MAGI Protected Eligibility Period

This policy applies to customers who are eligible for MA for December 2013 in a category that uses MAGI rules in 2014. These customers are protected from losing their eligibility because of MAGI income rules until the end of March 2014 OR their first regularly scheduled renewal, whichever is later.

**NOTE** This includes customers who applied for MA on or before December 2013 and were approved, even if the determination was made after December 2013.

The protected MA categories are:

- Caretaker Relative;
- Pregnant Woman;
- Child;
- Adult; and
- KidsCare.

When a change in income is reported before the customer's regular renewal date in 2014, the customer's eligibility will be calculated using MAGI rules first. If the customer remains eligible, MA benefits will continue.

If the customer is not eligible using MAGI rules because of excess income, eligibility will be calculated using the 2013 income rules:

- If the customer is eligible using 2013 income rules, MA benefits will continue. The MAGI rules will be applied at the customer's regular renewal in 2014.
- If the customer is not eligible using 2013 income standards, MA benefits are stopped.

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### Definitions

Term	Definition
Income	Income is either earned or unearned. There are many types of income within each category of income. Different policies apply to each type of income as described in <a href="#">MA606</a> .

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### Proof

Changes to income are verified by following the policy related to the specific income type in [MA606](#).

## Programs Affected

Section 1 applies all programs except BCCTP and YATI.

Section 2 applies only to the Caretaker Relative, Pregnant Woman, and Child categories.

## Timeframes

Changes must be reported as soon as the future event becomes known. Unanticipated changes must be reported within 10 days of the date the change occurred.

## Programs and Legal Authorities

Program	Legal Authorities
All Programs, except KidsCare	42 CFR 435.916(c), (d) and (f)
ALTCS	AAC R9-28-411
SSI-MAO	AAC R9-22-1501(H) AAC R9-22-1503, 1504 and 1505
Medicare Savings Program (MSP)	AAC R9-29-213 and 224
Freedom to Work (FTW)	AAC R9-22-1905 and 1913
KidsCare	42 CFR 457.315 and 343 R9-31-304 and 308



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