

NC Division of Aging and Adult Services  
**CHANGE NO. 1-14: 2014 FPL AND IEM**

**DATE: 3-31-14**

**Manual:** State/County Special Assistance In-Home

**Subject:** 2014 FPL and the Economic Benefits Integrated Eligibility Policy Manual (IEM) Updates

**To:** County Directors of Social Services

**Effective:** 4-1-2014

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**I. BACKGROUND**

Eligibility for Special Assistance In-Home (SA/IH) requires that the individual is eligible for Medicaid under Medicaid categorically needy (CN) guidelines. Please refer to the [Economic Benefits Integrated Eligibility Policy Manual \(IEM\)](#) and/or the Adult Medicaid Manual for income and resource limits for Medicaid CN guidelines.

With the development of the [IEM](#) and NCFASST, instructions for EIS in the SA-IH Manual have been removed. As a result, some sections have been reformatted to reflect these deletions.

**II. CONTENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGE**

- A. SA-5200 Introduction: A link to the Division of Aging and Adult Services [Administrative Letter 13-07](#) is provided with special instructions for individuals with Supported Housing Slots approved through the Department of Health and Human Services Transitions to Community Living Initiative, as a result of the NC and US Department of Justice settlement agreement.
- B. SA-5200 I B.: The federal poverty level for Medicaid CN has been removed. Refer to the Medicaid CN income guidelines found in the Adult Medicaid Manual. An explanation is also provided to clarify that if a married couple is Medicaid CN eligible, the couple can have joint resources up to \$3000.00, but the individual applying for SA-IH must have resources at the SA resource limit of \$2,000.00.
- C. SA-5200 II: The FL-2 required for adult care home level of care verification is the [Adult Care Home FL-2](#).

- D. SA-5200 V: The [IEM-4000: Income](#) and [IEM-4100: Requirements to Obtain Maximum Entitlement Income](#) are now used to determine countable monthly income.
- E. SA-5300 IV.C: Partial SA/IH payments budgeting examples have been updated to reflect budgeting in NCFAST.
- F. SA-5400 I and II: Provides updated program names and references to the [IEM](#).
- G. SA-5400 V: Directs the income maintenance caseworker to contact the local Social Security Office with questions concerning SSI or Social Security Income benefits.
- D. Throughout sections listed above, clarification has been provided to align with SA-5600, Special Assistance In-Home Case Management Manual.

**III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL—REISSUED THE FOLLOWING:**

**SA-5200- Eligibility Requirements**

**SA- 5300- Calculations of Payments**

**SA-5400- Eligibility for Other Benefits**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the SA Program Unit at [specialassistance@dhhs.nc.gov](mailto:specialassistance@dhhs.nc.gov)

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