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| **Table 4. Child maintenance and poverty (based on income after housing costs) by scenario for each of the four countries** |
|  | UK | US | AU | NZ |
| ***Mary has no earnings (Scenarios A-D)*** |  |  |  |  |
|  1. Is Mary in poverty with various levels of CM?  |
| * No CM (Scenario A)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| * Low CM (Scenario B)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario C)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| * High CM (Scenario D)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  2. Decline in Mary’s poverty gap for every dollar of CM  |  |  |  |  |
| * Low CM (Scenario B)
 | $1.00 | $0.30 | $1.00 | 0 |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario C)
 | $1.00 | $0.30 | $0.73 | 0 |
| * High CM (Scenario D)
 | $1.00 | $0.30 | $0.59 | 0 |
| ***Mary has part-time earnings (Scenarios E-G)*** |  |  |  |  |
|  3. Is Mary in poverty with various levels of CM?  |  |  |  |  |
| * No CM (Scenario E)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario F)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| * High CM (Scenario G)
 | No | Yes | Yes | Yes |
|  4. Decline in Mary’s poverty gap for every dollar of CM |  |  |  |  |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario F)
 | $1.00 | $0.43 | $0.73 | 0 |
| * High CM (Scenario G)
 | $1.00\* | $0.51 | $0.59 | 0 |
| ***Mary has low-wage full-time earnings (Scenarios H-J****)* |  |  |  |  |
|  5. Is Mary in poverty with various levels of CM?  |  |  |  |  |
| * No CM (Scenario H)
 | Yes | Yes | Yes | Yes |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario I)
 | No | Yes | No | Yes |
| * High CM (Scenario J)
 | No | Yes | No | Yes |
|  6. Decline in Mary’s poverty gap for every dollar of CM  |  |  |  |  |
| * Moderate CM (Scenario I)
 | $1.00\* | $0.71 | $0.73\* | $0.75 |
| * High CM (Scenario J)
 | $1.00\* | $0.71 | $0.59\* | $0.72 |
| *Notes*: CM = child maintenance in Purchasing Power Parity (PPP) adjusted US dollars for 2014. See text/tables for definitions of scenarios and poverty.*Source*: Authors’ calculations using given earnings levels and each country’s policies.\* Some or all of the child maintenance is not decreasing the poverty gap because Mary moves out of poverty |