

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 12-03, Impairment Related Work Expenses & In-kind Income

DATE: AUGUST 14, 2002

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 12-03

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: October 1, 2002

I. CONTENT OF CHANGES

MA-2250 has been revised as follows.

A. Impairment-Related Work Expenses

Impairment Related Work Expenses (IRWE) are a deduction from the countable income of disabled individuals who are under 65 and employed.

1. The IRWE deduction is given after the \$65 deduction and before the $\frac{1}{2}$ remainder deduction in the budgeting process. The deductions can be made for items/services the individual requires because of the impairment.
2. The cost of the item/service cannot be reimbursable from another source, such as private insurance, Medicare or Medicaid.

B. In-kind Income & One Third Reduction

Policy for in-kind income and the one third reduction is revised to correct the difference between MA-2261, 1/3 Reduction and MA-2250, Income. This policy clarifies that 1/3 reduction does not apply when an individual living in the home of another purchases either his own food or his own shelter. If an individual contributes either food or shelter to an applicant/recipient, the amount contributed counts as in-kind income.

C. Applicant Statement of Income

Policy has been revised to state that the applicant's statement of income can only be accepted if the applicant or IMC cannot obtain verification from any other source.

D. Other Changes

1. MA-2261, 1/3 Reduction, has been revised to clarify that if an a/r pays for other expenses in exchange for food or shelter, the full income limit is applied.
2. In MA-2250, form numbers have been changed and manual references have been renamed. These changes are the result of implementation of the Exit Plan.

II. EFFECTIVE DATE

Apply this policy change effective October 1, 2002, to any applications taken on or after October 1, or to any redeterminations scheduled on or after October 1.

III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

- A. Remove MA-2250, pages 1-56
Insert MA-2250, pages 1-62
Insert Figure 1
Online manual: Revised entire section
- B. Remove MA-2261, pages 1-2
Insert MA-2261, pages 1-2
Online manual: Revised entire section

Please refer questions to your Medicaid Program Representative.

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