

# **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO: 05-12, VARIOUS CHANGES FOR 03/01/12: SGA & TAX REFUND EXCLUSION**

**DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

**Manual:** Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid  
**Change No:** 05-12  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services  
**Effective:** 03/01/2012

## **I. BACKGROUND**

- A. Due to the 2012 Cost-Of-Living Adjustments (COLA) for Social Security, the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) levels have been updated based upon 2012 Social Security COLA. The SGA level increased to \$1,010 for non-blind individuals and \$1,690 for blind individuals.**
- B. All Federal or State tax refunds made to any applicant/recipient are not counted as income or resources for a period of 12 calendar months from the month of receipt, when determining eligibility for Medicaid.**

## **II. CONTENT OF CHANGE**

- A. MA-2230, X.C. 8. Lump sum payments are updated to reflect the exclusion of Federal and State tax refunds.**
- B. MA-2250 VI.A. The 12 calendar month exclusion of all Federal and State tax refunds is added to non-countable earned income.**
- C. MA-2311, IV.C.2., & V.C. Federal and State refund exclusion is added.**
- D. MA-2525 IV.E. The SGA levels are changed based upon the 2012 Social Security COLA.**

### **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is effective upon receipt. For all applications applicable to SGA, dated prior to January 1, 2012, use the old amounts of \$1,000 for non-blind and \$1,640 for Blind. For all applications dated on and after January 1, 2012 in process, apply the 2012 levels.

### **IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

#### **A. Remove: MA-2230, Financial Resources, Pages 75-78**

**Insert: [MA-2230](#), Financial Resources, Pages 75-78**

#### **B. Remove: MA-2250, Income, Pages 17-22**

**Insert: [MA-2250](#), Income, Pages 17-22**

#### **C. Remove: MA-2311, LIS Processing and Maintenance, Pages 3-6**

**Insert: [MA-2311](#), LIS Processing and Maintenance Pages 3-6**

#### **C. Remove: MA-2525, Disability, Pages 11-12**

**Insert: [MA-2525](#), Disability, Pages 11-12**

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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