

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL 07-13, CERTIFICATION PERIODS

DATE: JUNE 1, 2013

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 07-13

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: June 1, 2013

I. BACKGROUND

One of the required upcoming changes in Medicaid due to the Affordable Care Act is for a Medicaid certification period to be 12 month. Therefore, policy is revised to match the length of certification periods for MAABD with other programs. Having no income, unpredictable income or unstable income is no longer a factor in determining the certification period for Medicaid. The certification period for medically needy and LTC remains 6 months. In addition, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and other federal agencies use the term beneficiary instead of recipient. To match their terminology, as policy changes, recipient and A/R will be changed to beneficiary and A/B.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

MA-2350-II.B is revised to remove reference to predictable and unstable income and the length of the certification period.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective June 1, 2013.

A. Applications

Apply this policy to all applications in process on or after June 1, 2013.

B. Ongoing Cases

Apply policy at re-determination.

- a. For reviews in process or begun on or after receipt of this change notice, use the new policy to determine certification period.
- b. For all other cases, determine certification period based on this policy at the next re-determination.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-2350, Certification and Authorization, pages 3 & 4

Insert: MA-2350, Certification and Authorization, pages 3 & 4

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

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