

CHANGE NOTICE 11-01, Medicaid Terminations

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Manual: Family's and Children's Medicaid

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: February 1, 2001

I. BACKGROUND

Despite enormous progress in expanding Medicaid and NC Health Choice to eligible low income families, some individuals continue to lose Medicaid. Continuing Medicaid for eligible families is a top priority at the federal and state level.

The Health Care Financing Administration has issued guidance for conducting an evaluation when an individual is determined ineligible for Medicaid in any aid program/category. An ex parte review must be conducted on these terminations.

The ex parte procedures have been expanded to require that Medicaid evaluations for ongoing eligibility rely whenever possible on information already available to the agency. "Available to the agency" includes on line sources such as SDX or ESC and other programs' records. Expanding sources of acceptable information will ensure that all possible avenues of continuing Medicaid eligibility are explored when terminating Medicaid.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. Major Changes to MA-3355 Include

1. Definition of an ex parte review - Instructions to conduct ex parte reviews in Medicaid and Work First when an individual /family is determined to be ineligible in any aid/program category .
2. Instructions to conduct an ex parte review at the end of Benefit Diversion.
3. Instructions to authorize Medicaid in MAF-C when Work First terminates for the remainder of the payment review period or 2 months, whichever is greater.

4. Requires second party review for all Work First cases not authorized for ongoing Medicaid.

III. IMPLEMENTATION

Apply to all Medicaid and Work First Terminations on or after February 1, 2001.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove MA-3355, pages 1-11.

Insert MA-3355, pages 1-10, effective February 1, 2001.

Insert figures 1-5.

Please refer questions to your Medicaid Program Representative.

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