

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 15-03, TRANSFER OF RESOURCES AND IN-HOME HEALTH SERVICES

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Manual: Family and Children's Medicaid

Change No: 15-03

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: February 1, 2003

I. BACKGROUND

A. In order to reduce Medicaid expenditures, the North Carolina General Assembly authorized changes to the Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid eligibility policy. Individuals who are receiving Medicaid under the Aged, Blind and Disabled program and who transfer a resource for less than current market value on or after February 1, 2003, may be ineligible for assistance with in-home health services and supplies.

1. This change in policy is applicable only to individuals who are:

- Living in a private residence, or
- Private Pay in an Adult Care Home (ACH),

And

Applying for or receiving Medicaid under the following aid-program/categories:

- MAA, or
- MAB, or
- MAD, or
- MQB-Q.

2. This change does not apply to individuals receiving assistance under the State/County Special Assistance Program (SA) or individuals receiving under the Community Alternatives Program (CAP).

B. In-home health services and supplies are medically necessary services provided to an applicant/recipient (a/r) by a Medicaid certified provider and include the following:

- Durable Medical Equipment (DME) and related medical supplies such as wheelchairs, walkers, canes, hospital beds, oxygen and oxygen equipment, needed to maintain or improve a recipient's medical, physical, or functional level.
- Home Health Services covers home health aide services, skilled nursing, physical therapy, speech pathology and audiology, and occupational therapy provided by a Medicaid certified home health agency to help restore, rehabilitate or maintain a recipient in the home.
- Home Health Supplies include items such as adult diapers, disposable bed pads, catheter and ostomy supplies provided by a Home Health or Private Duty Nursing (PDN) agency. PDN services are not provided to individuals in an ACH.
- Home Infusion Therapy (HIT) covers self-administered therapies such as nutrition therapy (tube feeding), drug therapy including chemotherapy for cancer treatments, antibiotic therapy and pain management therapy.
- Personal Care Services (PCS) are personal care activities such as bathing, toileting, monitoring vital signs, housekeeping and home management tasks essential for maintaining the recipient's health performed by an in-home aide in a private residence.

PCS services provided to individuals in an ACH are not subject to this change in policy.

C. The procedures for determining if a non-allowable transfer has occurred, the uncompensated value of a transferred resource and the sanction period is the same for both long term care (LTC) and PLA. Therefore, individuals who are ineligible for assistance with nursing home cost of care, CAP, or in-home health services and supplies due to a transfer of resources sanction may be eligible for other Medicaid covered services such as Medicare Buy-In, doctor visits, prescription drugs, dental and vision care.

D. As a result of this change in MAABDQ policy, references to transfer of resources policy in the F & C Medicaid Manual have been updated.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. MA-3110

1. Deleted references to MQB-QI2.

2. Revised the definition of transfer of resources terms.

B. MA-3205

1. Updated transfer of resources policy to be explained during the face-to-face application interview.
2. Deleted references to MQB-QI2.

C. MA-3325

Updated services affected by the transfer of resources policy.

D. MA-3420

Updated transfer of resources policy to be explained at re-enrollment.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE

This change in policy is effective February 1, 2003. When assessing an individual's eligibility for Medicaid under the MAABDQ program, evaluate for transfer of resources. Refer to MA-2240, Transfer of Resources, in the Aged, Blind and Disabled Medicaid Manual.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Section	Remove Pages	Insert Pages	Online Manual
MA-3110	1-28	1-28	Entire Section
MA-3205	1-18	1-19	Entire Section
MA-3325	3-4	3-4	III.F.3.
MA-3420	13-14	13-14	VII.E.

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

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