

# **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL, NO. 04-92, Reviewing Ongoing Eligibility at End of Newborn Protection**

**DATE: JULY 20, 2001**

**Manual: Families and Children**  
**Change No. 04-02**  
**To: County Directors of Social Services**  
**Effective: September 1, 2001**

## **I. CONTENT OF CHANGES**

### **A. Newborn Coverage**

MA-3450, Newborn Coverage, is revised to include requirements for conducting a redetermination when newborn protection ends. When a Medicaid recipient ceases to be eligible for Medicaid under his aid program/category at the end of a certification period, evaluate the recipient for ongoing eligibility in all other aid program/categories when completing the redetermination. The revised MA-3450 provides these instructions.

### **B. Change to MA-3220 Pregnant Woman Coverage**

MA-3220 IV.E was revised effective May 1, 2001, to require counties to evaluate all terminated recipients who are pregnant for MPW (Change Notice 13-01). Section IV.E.4. stated that a timely notice is required to terminate current coverage before authorizing MPW.

These instructions are corrected to require a timely termination notice only when the pregnant woman goes from Work First to MPW. In this case, Medicaid only is considered a lesser benefit. If the pregnant woman goes from another Medicaid category to MPW, no timely termination notice is required as this is not a lesser benefit. In this situation, send an approval notice to advise the recipient that her Medicaid will continue because she is pregnant.

## **II. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION FOR NEWBORN COVERAGE**

These changes are effective September 1, 2001. Apply the new policy to children whose automatic newborn coverage ends September 30, 2001 or later.

### **III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

- A. Remove section MA-3450, pages 1-5.  
Insert attached section MA-3450, pages 1-8.
  
- B. Remove MA-3220, pages 7 and 8.  
Insert MA-3220, pages 7 and 8.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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