

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL 06-13, CERTIFICATION PERIODS

DATE: JUNE 1, 2013

Manual: Family and Children's Medicaid
Change No: 06-13
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 require 12 month certification periods for MAF-N, MAF-C and HSF-N. Having no income, unpredictable income or unstable income or caretaker age is no longer a factor in determining the certification period for Medicaid. The exceptions are medically needy cases, Medicaid for Pregnant Women, Auto-newborn and Breast and Cervical Cancer cases. 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

- A. MA-3305-V.B is revised to remove instructions to authorize for 6 months c.p.**
- B. MA-3425 II.B is revised to state which programs have 12 month certification periods.**

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective June 1, 2013.

A. Applications

Apply this policy to all applications processed 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

A. Remove: MA-3305, MAF, MIC, HSF Budgeting, pages 15-16

Insert: MA-3305, MAF, MIC, HSF Budgeting, pages 15-16

B. Remove: MA-3425, Certification and Authorization, pages 1-2

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

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