

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 13-12, VETERAN BENEFIT VERIFICATION

DATE: 11/01/12

Manual: Family and Children's Medicaid
Change No: 13-12
To: County Directors of Social Services
Effective: 11/01/12

Make the following change(s)

I. BACKGROUND

A. Veteran's Benefits

F&C Change Notice 11-11 announced that the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) and the North Carolina Division of Veteran's Administration (NCDVA) entered into an agreement whereby DVA will assist Medicaid applicants and beneficiaries who may be entitled to veteran's benefits in obtaining all of the benefits to which they are entitled. As part of that agreement, DVA also agreed to verify veteran's benefits for the county departments of social services.

NCDVA will continue to assist Medicaid applicants and beneficiaries who may be entitled to veteran's benefits in obtaining benefits. However, NCDVA did not anticipate the volume of verification requests that it would receive and will not be able to continue performing verifications. Verification of veteran's benefits will have to be obtained from the Veteran's Administration.

B. Income for Retroactive Period

Policy clarified to indicate that actual Income is used to determine retroactive eligibility for MAF, MIC and HSF Applications. This information was included in MA-3220, Retroactive Coverage, but omitted from the above referenced section.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

1. V.A. Clarifies that actual income is used to determine eligibility for MAF, MIC, and HSF applications.
2. X.B.37. Adds Spina Bifida benefits to uncountable income.
3. XII.C.3. Provides instructions for requesting VA verification of veteran's benefits.
4. DMA-5027, Veterans Benefit Verification Form is revised to allow for the differences in countable benefits in ABD and F&C Medicaid.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Apply this policy to Medicaid Applications taken on or after November 1, 2012 as well as to those presently in progress.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-3300, Income, Pages 7-70.
Insert: [MA-3300](#), Income, Pages 7-70.

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

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