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**MEDICAID MANUAL (OFI Policy Manual, Volume II) Transmittal NO. 71**

TO: Regional Directors, County Departments of Family and Children Services State DFCS Staff

FROM: Candice L. Broce, Commissioner

RE: Medicaid Policy Updates/Changes

DATE: November 17, 2023

The purpose is to provide DFCS field staff an update to the Medicaid Policy Manual as revised to be in accordance with the most current policy clearances received from the Department of Community Health. Updates include addition of policy grammar and format changes and clarifications issued by DCH. A detailed overview of all revisions to the Medicaid manual is listed below.

**For All Classes of Assistance, whether ABD or Family Medicaid:**

- **2054-** Removed Medical Assistance verbiage in Requirements section and add qualified to Basic Considerations section page 1. Updated 60-day SOP verbiage regarding disabled applicants to 90 days pages 1,3.
- **2210-** Updated verbiage regarding application for RSDI Disability and SSI benefits pages 2-3. Updated "Section 2400" to "Chapter 2400" page 3.

- **2215-** Added verbiage regarding pregnant women and children under the age of 19 with a valid immigration status to the Exception page 11. Removed verbiage “unless they are admitted for employment purposes” page 13. Removed Note page 17. Removed extra heading “Reasonable Opportunity Period for Qualified Immigrants” page 18, and updated Chart 2215.1 to add an exception regarding Citizenship/Immigration eligibility criteria regarding pregnant women and children under 19 for each immigration status that would require a 5 year wait from date of entry, also updated eligibility criteria for “All other immigrants” row by adding “except PCK, P4Hb and Pathways” regarding using EMA procedures.
- **2230-** Added obsolete as of 12/2021 to 297M verbiage page 1. Removed GA from Gateway verbiage pages 2 and 3. Updated DCH Legal Services address page 3. Updated PCK application as “obsolete as of 09/2017” (page 2). Added PCK verbiage to Note page 4. Updated grammar pages 5 and 8.
- **2903-** Updated grammar page 1 and updated Brain and Spinal Injury Trust Fund Commission address page 3.
- **2905-** Updated grammar pages 1-2. Updated permanent resident verbiage (page 1). Updated Cancer State Aid Program address page 2.
- **2947-** Added Division to program name and updated program web address page 1. Updated Healthcare Facility Regulation Division address page 2.
- **Appendix G-** Added MT 71 Cover letter page 1.

#### **For ABD Medicaid Only:**

- **2060-** Added AMN Spenddown exception verbiage page 1 and added obsolete verbiage regarding PCK application and Women’s Health MA Review Form page 2. Updated 60-day SOP verbiage regarding disabled applicants to 90 days pages 5-6 and updated Undue Hardship Waiver Form deadline verbiage from 12 days to 14 days page 7. Updated hyperlinks pages 8-9. Updated verbiage within Special Consideration for SSI Applicants regarding SMEU process and Medicaid determinations and removed intervening verbiage pages 8-9. Updated Social Data Report verbiage to SMEU Data Report, added verbiage indicating Form 71 is no longer in use as 9/2013, and removed 297M verbiage page 10.
- **2101-** Added Elderly and Disabled Waiver verbiage (page 1) and removed potentially eligible for SSI verbiage page 3. Added hyperlinks (pages 2-3).
- **2111-** Removed intervening verbiage related to an SSI application page 1.
- **2135-** Updated new address for DCH Pharmacy services Unit and

added a step to Procedures when A/R's income includes SSI when receiving Hospice At Home page 2.

- **2143-** Updated Medicare, citizenship, and conditional enrollment verbiage pages 1-7. Added copayments to the Note page 1 and updated sentence regarding copayments and deductibles. Updated sentence structure and wording for first bullet and removed verbiage in second bullet page 5. Updated wording in Note page 6. Replaced coinsurance with copayments page 7.
- **2150-** Added SSI as exception to the ABD COA's ruled out before determining eligibility under AMN page 1. Updated Note with financially eligible for SSI verbiage page 3.
- **2205-** Updated verbiage regarding when to request SMEU page 3, updated verbiage regarding when to request SMEU within Chart 2205.3 pages 5-6, and updated verbiage located under Special Considerations regarding an SSA determination found "not disabled" page 7.
- **2337-** Updated grammar page 2-4. Updated DCH Legal Services address page 3. Updated TPL Unit PO Box address page 5.
- **2407-** Updated grammar (page 2-5). Updated DCH Legal Services address page 5.
- **Appendix A1-** Updated correct QMB Couple income limit for 2023 page 1.

**For Family Medicaid Only:**

- **2610-** Updated verbiage regarding spouse living outside the home and added as Special Circumstance page 7.
- **2186-** Updated 60 days postpartum to 12<sup>th</sup> month extended postpartum period page 1. Updated P4HB address page 8.

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