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MEDICAID PROGRAM ACTION

Eligibility Transmittal

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Medicaid Regional Offices

SUBJECT: Revised Policy for Medicaid Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual

This transmittal issues revised policy for the Medicaid Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual. In September 2008, staff was informed this generic manual would be compiled over time by adding additional sections as policy is re-issued or revised. The material on special reviews, notification and reinstatements completes Chapter 101, Application and Redetermination Processes. A revision of page 621 provides a clarification regarding QMB eligibility. In addition, we will begin building Chapter 300, Resources, starting with "Exceptions to Treatment of Trusts" which includes a discussion of Special Needs Trusts, Pooled Trusts and the following:

- **Income Trusts** - Effective July 1, 2008, the Division of Medicaid changed the method that is used to calculate the patient liability (Medicaid Income) for certain Institutionalized recipients who have income that exceeds the Medicaid limit and must establish an Income Trust in order to qualify for Medicaid. This change brings the Division of Medicaid into compliance with Federal requirements for patient liability. The recipient's cost of care will be determined by the total gross income and the daily rate that Medicaid pays the nursing facility where the recipient resides. If the Medicaid rate for the facility is more than the recipient's Medicaid Income, the income is payable to the facility and the Income Trust account will not be funded. If the Medicaid rate for the facility is less than the recipient's income, the excess income will fund the Income Trust account. An Income Trust document is required in both situations.
- **Model Income Trust Documents** - A model Long Term Care (LTC) Income Trust and model Home and Community Based Waiver (HCBS) Income Trust agreement are provided for use as sample forms that are acceptable to Medicaid. The Income Trust document should be notarized and filed at the Chancery Clerk's office. The regional office can provide each recipient with a Help Sheet that will assist in completing the document.
- **Revised Life Expectancy Tables** - The male and female life expectancy tables have been revised to coincide with the actuarial tables used by the Social Security Administration. The revised tables are to be used in evaluating annuities.

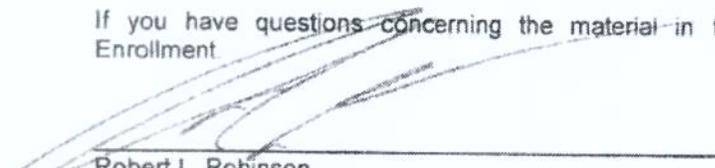
FILING INSTRUCTIONS

- **VOLUME III**
 - Remove Pages 3300 through 3452 from Section C, Application and Redetermination Process, and note the Table of Contents for Section C to cross-reference these pages with the Medicaid Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual.
 - Remove Pages 6318 – 6321, Exceptions to Treatment of Trusts Under Trust Provisions, from Section F, Resources, and note the Table of Contents for Section F to cross-reference these pages with the Medicaid Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual.
 - Remove Pages 6325 and 6326, Life Expectancy Tables, from Section F, Resources, and note the Table of Contents for Section F to cross-reference these pages with the Medicaid Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual.

- **HEALTH BENEFITS MANUAL**
 - Remove Pages 6005 through 6026 from Section F, Application Process, and note the Table of Contents for Section F to cross-reference these pages with the Medicaid Eligibility Policy and Procedures Manual.

- **MEDICAID ELIGIBILITY POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL**
 - Remove Page 621, Retroactive Medicaid Eligibility, Effective Month: June 2009, and replace with revised Page 621, Effective Month: November 2009.
 - Remove Page iii, from the Table of Contents for Chapter 101, Effective Month: August 2009, and file pages iii and iv, Effective Month: November 2009.
 - File Pages 800 through 975 of Chapter 101, Application and Redetermination Processes, Effective Month: November 2009, in sequence with previously issued material.
 - File Page i, Table of Contents for Chapter 300, Pages 3000 – 3003, the Model LTC Income Trust agreement, Model HCBS Income Trust agreement and Pages 3050 - 3051 in sequence with previously issued material.

If you have questions concerning the material in this transmittal, contact the Bureau of Enrollment



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Attachments

cc: All Holders of Medicaid Eligibility