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**MEDICAID MANUAL (OFI Policy Manual, Volume II) Transmittal NO.51**

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

**FROM:** Bobby D. Cagle, MSW  
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**RE:** Medicaid Policy Updates/Changes

**PURPOSE:** 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. Changes include updated income limits for ABD. A detailed overview of all revisions to the Medicaid manual is listed below.

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

- Section 2050 Added statement regarding how to report suspect Medicaid fraud and abuse.
- Section 2051 Removed statement regarding original documents for needed to verify citizenship and identity.
- Section 2054 Added statement to existing note listing the qualified licensed professionals who are able to sign form DMA 526.
- Section 2066 Added statement to YDC residents to the list of ineligible for Medicaid and added an RYDC exception for temporarily placed residents. Updated Chart 2066.1.
- Section 2198 Added biological female or transgender woman to list of eligibility conditions. Added section regarding WHM Presumptive Eligibility and section on Budget Group. Updated Hearing Rights.
- Section 2215 removed sentence regarding uncertified copies are not accepted, removed instructions regarding Original Viewed annotations being made on copies prior to scanning, and added that viewing original documents for citizenship or identity is no longer required. Added 2016 and 2017 quarterly amounts.
- Appendix B Added P4HB to policy, added statement that RSM Manager or Supervisor must accompany worker to hearing and updated DCH Contact person and email.
- Appendix F Added instructions for completing form 245 and new updated form 245. Updated form 94 and 94SP.

**For ABD Medicaid only:**

- Section 2145 was updated with a note explaining new policy effective July 1, 2016 using couple limits in Q11 COA.
- Section 2316 updated the excess home equity limit effective 01/01/17.
- Section 2503 was updated by adding an exception regarding Q11 and using couple income and resource limits whether or not the spouse is applying.
- Section 2507 was updated by adding an exception regarding Q11 and using couple income and resource limits whether or not the spouse is applying.
- Section 2509 was updated by adding an exception regarding Q11 and using couple income and resource limits whether or not the spouse is applying.
- Appendix A-1 was updated with the 2017 income limits.

**For Family Medicaid only:**

- Section 2166 was updated by adding statement that child AU member with earnings above the allowable IRS dependent exemption will also allow eligibility for continued Medicaid coverage under TMA.
- Section 2194 was updated by adding statement regarding using MAGI rules for processing PCK applications and renewals, added changes regarding GA Gateway implementation.
- Section 2610 was updated by adding the 2016 tax dependent threshold limits for earned and unearned income, clarifying fourth exception bullet regarding tax filer not living in the home.
- Section 2655 was updated by adding retirement plans and examples next to deferred compensation.
- Appendix A-2 was updated with the 2017 income limits

**UPDATES:**

**MANUAL TRANSMITTAL 51**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Page</b>	<b>Comments</b>
2050	4	Page 4, Added statement regarding suspected fraud and abuse.
2051	2	Page 2, Removed statement regarding original documents for needed to verify citizenship and identity.

2054	3	Page 3, Added statement to existing note listing the qualified licensed professionals who are able to sign form DMA 526.
2066	2,4	Page 2, Added YDC residents to list of ineligible for Medicaid, added RYDC to exception of residents temporarily placed waiting transfer to private facility. Page 4, Added Youth Development Campus and exception to Chart 2066.1.
2145	3	Page 3, Added a note explaining new policy effective July 1, 2016 using the couple limit in Q11 COA.
2166	1-3	Page 1, Added statement that child AU member with earnings above the allowable IRS dependent exemption will also allow eligibility for continued Medicaid coverage under TMA. Removed the word adult and replaced with member in regards to list explaining increased MAGI earnings. Page 2, Changed bullet point to state that earnings of an AU member must have correctly received Medicaid during three of the six months preceding the first month of Medicaid ineligibility. Page 3, Changed first sentence in the note to state any eligible member in the AU can meet the employment criteria, even if s/he was not employed when the AU became eligible for TMA.
2194	1-2	Pages 1-2 Statement added regarding using MAGI rules for PCK. Policy updated to reflect new changes due to Gateway

2198	2,4-6	Page 2, Added biological female or transgender woman. Page 4, added section about WHM Presumptive Eligibility. Page 5-6, updated RSM to MRSM and updated WHM renewal process. Added Budget Group Composition information. Page 6, Updated Hearing Rights.
2215	12, 13, 17	Page 12, Removed sentence regarding uncertified copies are not accepted, removed instructions regarding Original Viewed annotations being made on copies prior to scanning, added that viewing original documents for citizenship or identity is no longer required. Page 13, removed PeachCare for Kids instructions regarding annotation of viewing original documents. Page 17, added 2016 and 2017 quarterly amounts.
2316	2-4	Pages 2-4, Updated the excess home equity limit, started chart to track yearly limit changes.
2503	1	Page 1, Added exception regarding Q11 and using couple limits versus individual
2507	1	Page 1, Removed Q11 bullet and added exception regarding using couple limits versus individual.
2509	2	Page 2, Added exception regarding Q11 and using the couple limits versus the individual.
2610	2,4	Page 2, added statement for 2016 dependent income limits. Page 4, Clarified fourth exception bullet regarding tax filer not living in the home.

2655	1,3	Page 1, added Retirement Plans and example types to the list of MAGI Medicaid Pre-Tax Deductions, added statement that this list is not all-inclusive. Page 3, Removal of all mention and 30 & 1/3 directions.
Appendix A-1	1-5	Added 2017 ABD Income/Resource Limits
Appendix A-2	1	Added 2017 Family Medicaid Income Limits
Appendix B	2	Page 2, Added P4HB, updated that manager or supervisor must accompany worker to all hearings and updated DCH contact to Lorraine Russell and her email address.
Appendix F		Updated Form 245 and added instructions, revised form 94 and form 94 SP.
Appendix G		Added MT51 Cover Letter