CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO 01-06, STATE RESIDENCE

DATE: DECEMBER 19, 2006

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 01-06

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: January 1, 2006

I. BACKGROUND

The North Carolina General Assembly in Senate Bill 622, Appropriations Act, under Section 10.21(a) amended the General Statutes to require verification of state residency at application for individuals in private living arrangements. This amendment ensures that individuals do not come to North Carolina with the intent of maintaining a temporary residence for the purpose of obtaining medical assistance. In the same bill, the General Assembly stated that individuals who do not have the required documentation must make a declaration. This declaration is subject to criminal prosecution. These individuals may provide statements from specific individuals who have knowledge of their situation.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

- A. <u>MA-2220</u>, State Residence, is revised to reflect the documentation required to verify residency, including statements required by representatives for individuals that lack documentation.
- B. <u>MA-2301</u>, Conducting a Face-To-Face Intake Interview, is revised to state that the burden of proof is upon the applicant to verify intent to remain in the state of North Carolina.
- C. <u>MA-2303</u>, Verification Requirements for Applications, is revised to state that verification other than the individual's statement is a requirement for proof of state residency.
- D. <u>MA-2504</u>, Citizen/Alien Requirements, is revised to give reference to MA-2220, for procedures for residency verification for emergency Medicaid.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective January 1, 2006. Apply this policy to applications taken on or after January 1, 2006, and to persons moving into North Carolina on or after January 1, 2006. This policy does not apply to redeterminations.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-2220, State Residence, pages 1-15.

Insert: MA-2220, State Residence, pages 1-15 and Attachments 2 and 3.

Remove: MA-2301, Conducting a Face to Face Intake Interview, pages 11-12.

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Remove: MA-2303, Verification Requirements for Applications, pages 1-2.

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Remove: MA-2504, Citizen/Alien Requirements, pages 15-16.

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

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