CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 02-08, EXPANDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM

DATE: DECEMBER 20, 2007

Manual: Family and Children's Medicaid

Change No: 02-08

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: January 1, 2008

I. BACKGROUND

The Family and Children's Medicaid Manual Change Notice 19-07, effective December 1, 2007, required further clarification of information contained in MA-3230, Eligibility of Individuals Under Age 21 regarding the Expanded Foster Care Program (EFCP). This change notice corrects how to evaluate for other Medicaid programs when a foster care child has aged out of foster care.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

Counting the assets and income of potentially eligible Expanded Foster Care Program (EFCP) individuals, caseworkers must evaluate for all mandatory Medicaid program/categories, excluding Medically Needy and Family Planning Waiver. If eligible, approve the individual in the appropriate mandatory Medicaid program/category. If ineligible, place the individual into the Expanded Foster Care Program (EFCP).

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective January 1, 2008. Apply this policy to any application or redetermination in process.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-3230, Eligibility of Individuals Under 21, pages 27-28.

B. Insert: MA-3230, Eligibility of Individuals Under 21, pages 27-28.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative. For any issues that are not able to be handled through that venue, Mrs. Angela Floyd, Assistant Director for Recipient and Provider Services, will be your point of contact and can be reached at (919) 855-4000.

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