# CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 02-12 EXCESS HOME EQUITY LIMIT

## DATE: 12/21/11

Manual: Family and Children's Medicaid

Change No: 02-12

To: County Directors of Social Services

**Effective:** 1/1/12

#### I. BACKGROUND

Under section 6014 of the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA), Medicaid will not pay for long-term care services for individuals whose equity interest in their home exceeds \$500,000. These limits are increased each year by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index-Urban (CPIU). Effective January 1, 2012 the excess home equity limit is \$525,000.

#### **II.** CONTENT OF CHANGE

MA-3210, Verification Requirements for Applications, II. D. 14. & 15 – Excess home equity limit is updated.

### III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

Apply the new excess home equity limit to any applications or redeterminations taken or in process on or after January 1, 2012.

#### IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Remove: MA-3210, Verification Requirements for Applications, pages 3 and 4.

Insert: <u>MA-3210</u>, Verification Requirements for Applications, pages 3 and 4.

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

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