# CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO: 04-12, TAX REFUND EXCLUSION

## **DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2012**

Manual: Family and Children's Medicaid

Change No: 04-12

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: 03/01/2012

#### I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this change notice is to update policy regarding tax refund exclusions. All Federal or State tax refunds made to any applicant/recipient are not counted as income or resources for a period of 12 calendar months from the month of receipt, when determining eligibility for Medicaid.

### II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

- A. MA-3300 X. The 12 calendar month exclusion of all Federal and State tax refunds is added to non-countable earned income and non-countable unearned income.
- B. MA-3320 IV, Resource chart is updated to reflect tax refund exclusion.

### **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is effective upon receipt.

### IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-3300, Income, Pages 23-26

Insert: MA-3300, Income, Pages 23-26

B. Remove: MA-3320, Resources, Pages 3-4

Insert: MA-3320, Resources, Pages 3-4

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

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