CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 06-02, Confidentiality

DATE: August 9, 2001

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To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: September 1, 2001

I. BACKGROUND

Requests for information about Medicaid clients from various individuals and agencies have been steadily increasing. Guidelines for confidentiality and release of client information have been issued in administrative letters, and subsequent interpretations have come from several different sources. The purpose of MA-300, Confidentiality, is to provide manual policy on confidentiality and release of information from client records.

Please note that these rules apply to Work First and to the Special Assistance program, because an application for/receipt of these benefits is also an application for/receipt of Medicaid.

II. IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective September 1, 2001, for all client records.

III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

Insert MA-300 and Figure 1, effective 9/1/01.

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

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