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POLICY UPDATE #1

The following acronyms are used in this update:

- ABD – Aged, Blind or Disabled
- FAMIS – Family Access to Medical Insurance Security Plan
- FPL – Federal Poverty Level
- F&C – Families and Children
- IMD – Institution for Mental Diseases
- LIFC – Low Income Families with Children
- LTC – Long-term Care
- MN – Medically Needy
- SPARK – Services Programs Answers Resources Knowledge
- UP - Update
- VDSS – Virginia Department of Social Services

Medicaid Policy Update #1 contains revised policy regarding “certain” newborn children, as well as the new FAMIS MOMS, LIFC, F&C and MN income limits and LTC spousal standards. The contact list of IMDs in Virginia was also updated to reflect recent changes in address.

The policy revision and new income limits contained in Medicaid Policy Update #1 are effective for all eligibility determinations completed on or after July 1, 2009. The updated LTC spousal standards are effective beginning with July 2009 patient pays.

Revised Policy

The policies regarding eligibility requirements for children who are deemed eligible for Medicaid in the MI Newborn Children Under Age 1 and MN Newborn Children Under Age 1 covered groups have been revised. A child born to a mother who was eligible for Medicaid on the date of the child’s birth is deemed to be eligible for Medicaid (i.e., the child is a “certain” newborn) until his first birthday. No application is necessary for the newborn to be enrolled, and the newborn is eligible regardless of (1) whether or not the mother continues to be eligible and (2) whether or not the child continues to reside with the mother.

The income limit for FAMIS MOMS was increased from 185% of the FPL to 200% of the FPL, effective July 1, 2009.

Electronic Version

Medicaid Policy Update #1 is available electronically on SPARK and the VDSS public web site. It has not been printed for distribution. The electronic version is the transmittal of record. Significant changes to the manual are as follows:

Pages Changed	Significant Changes
M0120 page 8	On page 8, removed the requirements related to the mother, which no longer apply to “certain” newborn children.
M0240 pages 1, 2	On pages 1 and 2, removed the requirements related to the mother, which no longer apply to “certain” newborn children.
M0320 pages 46f-48	On pages 46f-48, removed the requirements related to the mother, which no longer apply to “certain” newborn children.
M0330 pages 20, 21	On pages 20 and 20a, removed the requirements related to the mother, which no longer apply to MN newborn children.
M0710 Appendix 1, page 1 Appendix 3, page 1 Appendix 5, page 1	In Appendix 1, added the new income limits for LIFC 185% Standards of Need. In Appendix 3, added the new F&C income limits. In appendix 1, added the new F&C MN income limits.
M0810 page 2	On page 2, added the new ABD MN income limits.
M1430 Appendix 1, page 1	In Appendix 1, updated the list of IMDs in Virginia.
M1480 page 66	On page 66, added the new dollar amounts for the spousal Monthly Maintenance Needs Allowance and Excess Shelter Standard.
M1520 page 3	On page 3, removed the requirements related to the mother, which no longer apply to “certain” newborn children.
M22 pages 1, 2, 7 Appendix 1, page 1	On pages 1, 2 and 7, changed the income limit to 200% FPL. In Appendix 1, added the income amounts for 200% FPL.

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