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TO: Local District Commissioners, IM Directors, Medicaid Directors

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SUBJECT: Change in Individuals Who Must Comply With Drug and Alcohol
Screening Requirements As A Condition of Medicaid Eligibility

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Districts were notified in GIS 99 MA/028 of revisions to categorical requirements for ADC-U. As of October 1, 1999, most two parent households with income and resources at or below the Medically Needy levels can be categorically eligible for ADC-U. This includes two parent households who offset excess income with medical bills (spenddown). This change also has an impact on who must comply with drug and alcohol screening, assessment, and treatment for Medicaid eligibility.

Administrative Directive OMM/ADM 97-2, currently states that single adults, childless couples and parents in families without a deprivation must comply with drug and alcohol screening, assessment and treatment requirements. As a result of the revisions to the categorical requirements for ADC-U, parents in intact households will generally meet the ADC-U requirements and, therefore, will no longer be required to comply with the drug and alcohol requirements. There are two situations where parents in intact households must continue to comply with drug and alcohol requirements: a husband/boyfriend of a pregnant woman with no other children in the household, or a stepparent with no children of his/her own in the household when the birth parent also lives in the household. There is no change in policy regarding single individuals and childless couples.

If you have any questions, please contact your local district support unit representative.