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TO: Medical Assistance Supervisors

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SUBJECT: Revised Budget Instructions For COBRA And AHIP Children Under 18 Years Of Age.

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The budgeting instructions for determining a child's eligibility for payment of COBRA health insurance and AIDS health insurance premiums have been revised. A copy of the revised budget worksheets for each program should be obtained through the Department of Social Service's Office Automation (DSSP), through ELIB, in the GIS drawer. Each worksheet should be distributed to all Medical Assistance examiners.

COBRA Background and Changes (See 91 ADM-53)

If the adult COBRA Continuation Beneficiaries (CCBs) in the household are determined not to be eligible, then a separate eligibility determination must be made for the CCBs under age 18. Under SSI budgeting for a child under age 18, the needs and income of the parent(s) and any other child(ren) under the age of 18 are taken into consideration through the process of deeming and allocation. **When determining COBRA Continuation Program (CCP) income eligibility for more than one child under the age of 18 in a household, a separate SSI budget must be calculated for each child. In each child's budget, the other child(ren) is to be considered non-SSI related for purposes of allocation.** The entry of a non-SSI related child with income/resources requires that a Budget Type "05" be utilized. Previous instructions indicated that the Budget Type must be "04".

Districts should note that in determining CCP resource eligibility for more than one child under the age of 18 in a household, the deemed parental resources are equally distributed among the children. When only the CCBs under age 18 in the household are eligible, determine the cost effectiveness of the premium based only on the MA expenditures for an equivalent set of services for the eligible CCBs under age 18.

AIDS Background And Changes (See 93 ADM-28)

If the person with AIDS or the person with HIV-related disease is under the age of 18, meets the AHIP employment eligibility criteria, and resides in a household with an adult or adults determined to be financially ineligible for AHIP, a separate eligibility determination must be made for the person with AIDS or the person with HIV-related disease under the age of 18.

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Policies outlined in 91 ADM-53, "COBRA Continuation Coverage Program", are applicable for determination of financial eligibility under AHIP, except that household resources and cost-effectiveness must not be considered in such determinations.

COBRA BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR CHILD UNDER 18

BT: BUDGET TYPE "05".*

CA: THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE FAMILY. INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE APPLYING.

EEC: LEAVE THIS FIELD BLANK.

DM: 2 (DEEM TO SSI-RELATED CHILD).

LA: 1 OR 2 AS APPROPRIATE.

NO DM: 1 (DESIGNATE ONE CHILD AS SSI-RELATED).

NO ALL: AS APPROPRIATE. [INCLUDE ANY OTHER CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY].

CTG: ENTER ALL INCOME AND RESOURCES AND THE CTG CODE WHICH IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES THE INCOME OR OWNS RESOURCES. **NOTE: THE CTG CODE FOR THE CHILD FOR WHOM THE BUDGET IS BEING CALCULATED MUST BE EITHER "6" OR "7".** ALL OTHER CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A CTG CODE OF "8". ADULTS SHOULD BE CODED AS APPROPRIATE.

ENTRIES MUST BE MADE IN THE **FUEL TYPE** AND **SHELTER TYPE** FIELDS OF THIS BUDGET.

RESOURCES:

OFF LINE: DEEMED PARENTAL RESOURCES MUST BE EQUALLY DISTRIBUTED TO ALL CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 RESIDING IN THE HOUSEHOLD.

ALWAYS COMPARE THE CHILD'S TOTAL NET RESOURCES TO \$4000.00 (TWICE THE SSI RESOURCE LEVEL FOR ONE).

INCOME:

OFF LINE: COMPARE THE CHILD'S TOTAL NET INCOME TO 100% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL (FPL) FOR ONE.

COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE MUST BE AVAILABLE THROUGH A GROUP CONSISTING OF 75 OR MORE EMPLOYEES.

THE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY MUST BE COST-EFFECTIVE.

* THE BUDGET TYPE IS THE PRIMARY CHANGE TO CALCULATING COBRA CONTINUATION ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18. LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES WERE ERRONEOUSLY INSTRUCTED TO USE BUDGET TYPE "04" IN THE PAST.

AHIP BUDGET WORKSHEET FOR CHILD UNDER 18

AHIP: AIDS HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM

BT: BUDGET TYPE "05".*

CA: THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE FAMILY. INCLUDE ALL CHILDREN UNDER 18 WHETHER OR NOT THEY ARE APPLYING.

EEC: LEAVE THIS FIELD BLANK.

DM: 2 (DEEM TO SSI-RELATED CHILD).

LA: 1 OR 2 AS APPROPRIATE.

NO DM: 1 (**DESIGNATE ONE CHILD AS SSI-RELATED**).

NO ALL: AS APPROPRIATE. [INCLUDE ANY OTHER CHILD(REN) UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE REGARDLESS OF CATEGORY].

CTG: ENTER ALL INCOME AND THE CTG CODE WHICH IDENTIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL WHO RECEIVES THE INCOME. **NOTE: THE CTG CODE FOR THE CHILD FOR WHOM THE BUDGET IS BEING CALCULATED MUST BE EITHER "6" OR "7".** ALL OTHER CHILDREN SHOULD HAVE A CTG CODE OF "8". ADULTS SHOULD BE CODED AS APPROPRIATE.

THE CHILD MUST MEET THE EMPLOYMENT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN 91 ADM-54, SECTION III.c. AND RESIDE WITH AN ADULT WHO IS NOT FINANCIALLY ELIGIBLE FOR THE PROGRAM.

THERE IS NO RESOURCE TEST FOR THIS BUDGET.

THERE IS NO COST-EFFECTIVENESS TEST FOR THIS BUDGET.

THE APPLICANT'S INCOME IS COMPARED TO 185% OF THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL.

* THE BUDGET TYPE IS THE PRIMARY CHANGE TO CALCULATING AHIP ELIGIBILITY FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18. LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES WERE ERRONEOUSLY INSTRUCTED TO USE BUDGET TYPE "04" FOR CHILDREN UNDER 18 IN THE PAST.