# NC Division of Aging and Adult Services CHANGE NO. 01-11, Figure Change to Form and Clarifications

**DATE: April 29, 2011** 

MANUAL: State/County Special Assistance

**SUBJECT:** Figure Change to Form and Clarifications

TO: County Directors of Social Services

EFFECTIVE: May 01, 2011

#### I. BACKGROUND

State/County Special Assistance (SA) is converting each figure and attachment into a form or incorporating it into policy. This procedure will be completed section-by-section over the next few months. This change notice reflects the first conversion of a figure to a form in SA-3110.

Other changes and clarifications have been incorporated in policy as indicated below.

#### II. CONTENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF CHANGE

# A. SA-3110 Application Processing

- Medicaid is automatic for SA facility recipients. All applicants must be informed of the potential for estate recovery for the cost of personal care services (PCS) paid by Medicaid for beneficiaries age 55 and older. Since estate recovery is a Medicaid requirement, SA-3110 Figure 3 has been renamed and is now <a href="DMA-5052SA State/County Special Assistance Recipient Estate Subject to Medicaid Recovery Notice">DMA-5052SA State/County Special Assistance</a> Recipient Estate Subject to Medicaid Recovery Notice. Policy for Medicaid estate recovery is found in <a href="MA-2285">MA-3326</a>.
- 2. <u>V. B. 6:</u> This section has been enhanced to clarify that regardless of age at application, the case worker should have the applicant or his/her representative sign <u>DMA-5052SA State/County Special Assistance</u>
  <u>Recipient Estate Subject to Medicaid Recovery Notice</u>.
- 3. X. B. a., b. and c: These have been corrected to X.B.1, 2, and 3. Also X.B.1., "poverty guidelines" has been corrected to read "federal poverty guidelines."

### B. SA-3200 Resources

<u>I. B:</u> This section as been enhanced to instruct case workers to complete the <u>DMA-5030 Reserve History Sheet</u> at application and redetermination.

#### C. SA-3210 Income

- 1. <u>II. Third paragraph</u>: The effective date of the SSI The Federal Benefit Rate (FBR) has been changed from "December 2010" to "December 2011."
- 2. V. A. 1: The phrase "is effective through 2010" has been changed to read "through 2011," and the phrase "and will change when new federal poverty guidelines are issued" has been deleted, as it is now incorrect. The FBR for SSI did not change when the new federal poverty guidelines were issued.
- 3. <u>V. A. 2:</u> The phrase "is effective through 2010" has been changed to read "through 2011," and the phrase "and will change when new federal poverty guidelines are issued" has been deleted, as it is now incorrect. The FBR for SSI did not change when the new federal poverty guidelines were issued.

## D. SA-3310 Changes in Situation

- 1. <u>II. C. 2. a:</u> This section has been changed from "DMA-5030 Resource History Sheet" to <u>DMA-5030 Reserve History Sheet</u>."
- 2. <u>III. C. 2. a:</u> This section has been changed from "DMA-5030 Resource History Sheet" to <u>DMA-5030 Reserve History Sheet</u>."

#### III. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

All manual changes are now shown in red font in both the PDF and the HTML versions. The following manual sections are reissued to reflect the mandated requirements:

- A. SA-3110 Application Process
- B. SA-3200 Resources
- C. SA-3210 Income
- **D.** SA-3310 Changes in Situation

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Special Assistance (SA) Program Representative through the SA listserv at: SpecialAssistance@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

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