### DMA ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER NO: 02-19, THE WORK NUMBER PROCEDURES

DATE: March 6, 2019

SUBJECT: The Work Number Procedures

DISTRIBUTION: County Departments of Social Services Medicaid Supervisors Medicaid Eligibility Staff

#### I. BACKGROUND

The purpose of this letter is to provide updates and guidance in the use of The Work Number for Medicaid eligibility. The Work Number is an electronic data source; however, it is not available through the Online Verification System (OVS).

#### II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. The local agency must use The Work Number as one of the electronic data sources to determine eligibility during application, recertification and a change in situation.

## **B.** The representative income from The Work Number should be used during the appropriate base period. The following policies provides the base period rules:

- 1. MA-2250, Income
- 2. MA-3300, Non-MAGI Income
- 3. MA-3306, MAGI

# C. The Work Number database has been enhanced to allow the staff to complete the following actions:

- 1. Select which employment records to order by selecting from a "pay date range". View date range options are:
  - 3 previous months,
  - 6 previous months,
  - 1 previous year,
  - 3 previous years, and
  - All available records
- 2. Order only the records that are required to determine a household's income according to the eligibility rules for a given program.

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Click on "<u>The Work Number</u>" to review the tutorial that provides the updated screen. This update will not impact end-user credentials or how the service is currently accessed.

If you have questions regarding information in this letter, please contact your Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative.

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