

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 05-08, STUDENT EARNED INCOME EXCLUSION

DATE: 01/04/08

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 05-08

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: 01/01/08

Make the following change(s)

I. BACKGROUND

The amount of the student earned income exclusion is adjusted each year by the cost of living adjustment (COLA) that is used to adjust the SSI Federal Benefit rate. The COLA for 2008 is 2.3%.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. Effective January 1, 2008, exclude up to \$1,550 per month, but no more than \$6,240 total for the year 2008, of the countable earned income of an eligible student.

B. Correction: The SSI couples income limit figure used in MA-2110, Passalong, II.E. Example III is incorrect. The correct figure for 2008 is \$976 (2008 Monthly SSI payment for couples plus \$20 income disregard).

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective January 1, 2008. Apply this change to applications taken and redeterminations started on or after January 1, 2008, as well as to those presently in process.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-2110, Passalong, pages 3-4.

Insert: [MA-2110](#), Passalong, pages 3-4.

B. Remove: MA-2250, Income, pages 95-96.

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If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative. For any issues that are not able to be handled through that venue, Mrs. Angela Floyd, Assistant Director for Recipient and Provider Services, will be your point of contact and can be reached at (919) 855-4000.

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