

CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 08-08, NC EITC AND TEMPORARY CENSUS WORKER INCOME

DATE: FEBRUARY 27, 2008

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid
Change No: 08-08
To: County Directors of Social Services
Effective: March 1, 2008

I. BACKGROUND

North Carolina received a request from the U. S. Census Bureau asking that income from temporary census employment be disregarded. Disregarding this income for our Medicaid recipients allows the Census Bureau to hire people from low income families. The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) approved this request.

In addition, the General Assembly enacted legislation last year establishing the State's Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) program to become effective in the Tax Year 2008.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. MA-2230, Financial Resources

Do not count NC EITC as a resource for 9 calendar months following the month the refund is received. Count the remainder in subsequent months. Caseworkers should view the check to confirm the effective date of the refund.

B. MA-2250, Income, has been revised:

1. To clarify the disregard of Earned Income Tax Credits (EITC), whether federal or state.

North Carolina Earned Income Tax Credits (NC EITC) whether received in advance or from a refund from the State are excluded from income. NC EITC should be easily identifiable on the a/r or financially responsible person's wage stub.

2. To disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to census activities.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective March 1, 2008. Upon receipt of this policy, Medicaid Income Maintenance caseworkers must disregard Census Bureau wages for temporary employment related to census activities. Income from temporary census employment applies to temporary census workers only. Income received by permanent census workers counts as earned income.

In addition, Medicaid Income Maintenance caseworkers must exclude as income North Carolina Earned Income Tax Credit (NC EITC).

Apply this policy to any applications or redeterminations in process or taken on or after March 1, 2008.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-2230, Financial Resources, pages 71 and 72.

B. Insert: [MA-2230](#), Financial Resources, pages 71 and 72, effective March 1, 2008.

C. Remove: MA-2250, Income, pages 17, 18, 19 and 20.

D. Insert: [MA-2250](#), Income, pages 17, 18, 19 and 20, effective March 1, 2008.

For information regarding Medicaid, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative. For any Medicaid 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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