

## DMA CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL DATE: APRIL 27, 2009

**Manual:** Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid  
**Change No:** 08-09  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services  
**Effective:** May 1, 2009

### I. BACKGROUND

On March 10, 2009 President Obama signed into law the Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009. One provision lengthened the refugee-like period of Medicaid eligibility from six to eight months. This change applies to Afghan special immigrants who are currently Medicaid eligible as of March 10, 2009 and to new applicants. The 8 month period is counted from the date they entered the U.S with this special immigrant status or the date they were converted to this status if they entered the U.S. in a different status.

### II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

#### **MA-2504 V. and MA-2504, Figure 2**

All references to six month eligibility for Afghan Refugee special immigrants have been deleted as both Iraqi and Afghan Refugee special immigrants have an eight month eligibility period.

### III. IMPLEMENTATION

DMA conducted a search for Afghan special immigrant cases active in March 2009 and none were located. If you are aware of a current Afghan special immigrant case, please contact your MPR for instructions.

### IV. EFFECTIVE DATE

Apply this policy to any applications or redeterminations in process or taken on or after May 1, 2009

**V. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL**

**A. Remove: MA-2504, pages 19 - 22.**

**Insert: [MA-2504](#) pages 19- 22.**

**B. Remove: MA-2504, Figure 2 pages 6 and 7. (The last two pages.)**

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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, 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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