

# **CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 15-19, FORMER FOSTER CARE PROGRAM (MFC) AND EXPANDED FOSTER CARE PROGRAM (EFCP)**

**DATE: October 30, 2019**

**Manual:** Family and Children's Medicaid  
**Change No:** 15-19  
**To:** County Directors of Social Services

## **I. BACKGROUND AND CONTENT OF CHANGE**

The Division of Health Benefits (DHB) has revised Medicaid Policy sections MA 3233, Former Foster Care Children (MFC), and MA 3234, Expanded Foster Care Program (EFCP). These manual revisions provide clarity to the previously published policy sections. Clarity is provided to ensure accurate eligibility determinations. Caseworkers should ensure they are evaluating applicants/beneficiaries for full Medicaid programs and MFC/EFCP prior to authorizing Medicaid Family Planning Program (FPP).

## **II. POLICY UPDATE**

### **A. MA-3233, Former Foster Care Children (MFC)**

#### **1. Section II., Application**

- a. Once the child ages out of foster care in NC (age 18 to 21), the IV-E and non-IV-E status is not applicable in determining eligibility. IV-E status is only relevant for children who are in foster care.
- b. There is no income or resource test required to determine MFC eligibility.
- c. Do not authorize Family Planning Program unless ineligible for all full Medicaid programs, including MFC.
- d. **It is critical that former foster care evidence is entered into NC FAST to get the correct determination.**

#### **2. Section III., Recertification**

Do not authorize Family Planning Program unless ineligible for all full Medicaid programs, including MFC.

## **B. MA-3234, Expanded Foster Care Program (EFCP)**

### **1. Section II., Application**

- a. Once the child ages out of foster care, the IV-E and non-IV-E status is not applicable in determining eligibility. IV-E status is only relevant for children in foster care.
- b. There is no income or resource test required to determine EFCP eligibility.
- c. Do not authorize Family Planning Program unless ineligible for all programs, including EFPC
- d. **It is critical that the previous foster care evidence in entered into NC FAST.**

### **2. Section III., Recertification**

Do not authorize Family Planning Program unless ineligible for all full Medicaid programs, including EFPC.

**C. The Basic Medicaid Eligibility Chart is updated to reflect the above policy clarifications.**

## **III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION**

This policy is effective November 1, 2019. This policy applies to all applications, recertifications, and changes in situation currently in process.

If you have any questions regarding information in this letter, please contact your [Medicaid Operational Support Team Representative.](#)

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