

DSS ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER ECONOMIC AND FAMILY SERVICES

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Refugee Assistance Program

TO: County Directors of Social Services

ATTENTION: Medicaid, Work First Administrators, Managers, and Supervisors

DATE: May 8, 2018

SUBJECT: Refugee Medical Assistance Exception to the Medicaid Family Planning Services and Supplies Program

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Receipt

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

The purpose of this letter is to provide policy clarifications and procedures as previously communicated on February 21, 2018 in Administrative Letter EFS_RA_AL-01-2018, Eligibility for Refugee Medical Assistance Clarification.

For refugees who qualify for the limited Family and Children's Medicaid, Family Planning Program the program of best benefit is Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA). For these individuals, RMA must be provided for the first eight months after their date of arrival, or attaining eligible status, in the United States (e.g. date granted asylum). Per the Office of Refugee Resettlement and in accordance with Refugee Assistance policy, North Carolina must enroll eligible refugee(s) without dependent minor children in RMA.

II. POLICY PROCEDURES

NC Family and Children's Medicaid, Family Planning Program is not a full benefit program. The Family Planning Program is provided to individuals who are not eligible for North Carolina Health Choice (NCHC) or any other Medicaid category. Refugees who are not eligible for NCHC or any other Medicaid program must be enrolled in RMA. If NC FAST authorizes the potential applicant for Family and Children's Medicaid: Family Planning Program; then the county staff must evaluate each potential refugee applicant for RMA. If the refugee is eligible for RMA, follow the procedures below:

1. Remove the Family Planning evidence from the case
2. An ineligible decision should occur and dispose the application
3. This claimant (as stated in NC FAST system) can apply for Refugee Medical Assistance (RMA)
4. A Refugee Medical Assistance application is started for the claimant

III. IMPLEMENTATION INSTRUCTIONS

Effective upon receipt of this letter, apply these changes to all applications taken on or after the date of this letter. In addition, identify any active clients who have been placed on the Family and Children's Medicaid, Family Planning Program incorrectly and follow the procedures above to change the Medicaid program to RMA if appropriate.

Submit any questions regarding this Refugee Medical Assistance policy on the Policy Question Submission Form and email the form to DSS.Policy.Questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Locklear". The signature is written in a cursive style with a blue ink stamp or highlight behind it.

David Locklear, Deputy Director

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