CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO: 05-12, VARIOUS CHANGES FOR 03/01/12: SGA & TAX REFUND EXCLUSION

DATE: FEBRUARY 17, 2012

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid

Change No: 05-12

To: County Directors of Social Services

Effective: 03/01/2012

I. BACKGROUND

A. Due to the 2012 Cost-Of-Living Adjustments (COLA) for Social Security, the Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) levels have been updated based upon 2012 Social Security COLA. The SGA level increased to $1,010 for non-blind individuals and $1,690 for blind individuals.

B. All Federal or State tax refunds made to any applicant/recipient are not counted as income or resources for a period of 12 calendar months from the month of receipt, when determining eligibility for Medicaid.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. MA-2230, X.C. 8. Lump sum payments are updated to reflect the exclusion of Federal and State tax refunds.

B. MA-2250 VI.A. The 12 calendar month exclusion of all Federal and State tax refunds is added to non-countable earned income.

C. MA-2311, IV.C.2., & V.C. Federal and State refund exclusion is added.

D. MA-2525 IV.E. The SGA levels are changed based upon the 2012 Social Security COLA.
III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective upon receipt. For all applications applicable to SGA, dated prior to January 1, 2012, use the old amounts of $1,000 for non-blind and $1,640 for Blind. For all applications dated on and after January 1, 2012 in process, apply the 2012 levels.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-2230, Financial Resources, Pages 75-78

   Insert: MA-2230, Financial Resources, Pages 75-78

B. Remove: MA-2250, Income, Pages 17-22

   Insert: MA-2250, Income, Pages 17-22

C. Remove: MA-2311, LIS Processing and Maintenance, Pages 3-6

   Insert: MA-2311, LIS Processing and Maintenance Pages 3-6

C. Remove: MA-2525, Disability, Pages 11-12

   Insert: MA-2525, Disability, Pages 11-12

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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