CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 05-14, CHANGES RELATED TO 2015 COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT (COLA)

DATE: MARCH 2, 2015

Manual: Family and Children’s Medicaid
Change No: 05-14
To: County Directors of Social Services
Effective: January 1, 2015

I. BACKGROUND

A. The 2015 Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) is 1.7 percent for Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) payments. Social Security benefits increased by 1.7 percent effective December 2014. These benefits are payable in January 2015.

B. The Veteran Affairs (VA) cost-of-living adjustment is the same percentage as the Social Security benefits. Veterans will receive their increase in the January 2015 payment.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

MA-3315, Medicaid Deductible, is updated with the new Medicare premiums, deductibles and coinsurance amounts.

MA-3322, Community Spouse Resource Protection, spousal resource allowance and examples are updated to reflect current amounts.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This change is effective 01/01/2015.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL


If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Operational Support Team (OST) at ost.policy.questions@dhhs.nc.gov.

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