DMA
CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 05-17: DISABILITY

DATE: NOVEMBER 1, 2017

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled Medicaid
Change No: 05-17
To: County Directors of Social Services
Effective: Upon Receipt

I. BACKGROUND AND CONTENT OF CHANGE

The Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) has revised and updated Medicaid policy related to Disability. These revisions are spelled out in section II below.

II. POLICY REVISION

Disability

MA-2525 Disability was revised to:

- Remove references to the Eligibility Information System (EIS) and add the appropriate NC FAST reference.
- Remove references to “county dss” and “dss” and replace with “local agency.”
- Remove examples from the policy.
- Remove information related to protected Medicaid status for children.
- Add the associated hyperlinks to Medicaid policy sections and DMA form references.
- Add clarification to what should be included in a complete disability referral.
- Clarify that applying for Social Security benefits is a post eligibility factor.
• Add clarification to the process Disability Determination Services (DDS) utilizes when returning a disability decision to the local agency.

• Add a hyperlink to the Social Security Administration’s (SSA) monthly Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) amount.

• Remove all references to the Third Party Query (TPQY) system.

• Update the Claims Analysis Unit address and telephone number.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective November 1, 2017.

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

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