I. BACKGROUND

North Carolina Health Choice is a program created to provide coverage for uninsured low-income children from age 6 through 18. Although administered by the Division of Medical Assistance, NCHC is not a Medicaid entitlement program.

Except for members of a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe and Alaskan Natives, NCHC recipients are required to participate in cost sharing. Cost sharing may include copayments for prescription drugs and non-emergency visits to an emergency room. The amount a recipient pays in copayments is based on the family’s combined countable income. Effective 07/01/2010, these copayment amounts will change.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

MA-3255 II.A. is revised to reflect the correct copayments effective 07/01/2010.

III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective July 1, 2010.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

A. Remove: MA-3255 pages 1-12

B. Insert MA-3255 pages 1-12
If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact your Medicaid Program Representative.

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