CHANGE NOTICE FOR MANUAL NO. 24-05,
MEDICAID FAMILY PLANNING WAIVER
CHANGES

DATE: AUGUST 8, 2005

Manual: Aged, Blind, and Disabled
Change No: 24-05
To: County Directors of Social Services
Effective: October 1, 2005

I. BACKGROUND

North Carolina has received approval to implement a Medicaid waiver program targeting family planning services only. The Family Planning Waiver is a 5 year demonstration waiver that intends to reduce unintended pregnancies and improve the well being of children and families in North Carolina by offering family planning services. The name of this waiver program is the “Be Smart” program.

The target population for the Family Planning waiver is

• women age 19 through 55 and men age 19 through 60 and
• with income at or below 185% of the federal poverty level.

MA-2170, Medicaid Family Planning Waiver (FPW), is issued in Change Notice 22-05 and should be used in conjunction with this Change Notice and the Family and Children’s Manual Change Notice No. 18-05 and MA-3265, Medicaid Family Planning Waiver.

II. CONTENT OF CHANGE

A. At every Medicaid (Adult and F&C) denial/termination, evaluate for FPW. Terminate or deny when an individual is determined to be sterile or pregnant.

B. The following manual sections contain changes.

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III. EFFECTIVE DATE AND IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is effective October 1, 2005. Apply this policy to applications taken on or after October 1, 2005, and re-determinations started on or after October 1, 2005. Do not apply this policy to any pending applications or re-determinations. Retroactive eligibility can begin no earlier than October 1, 2005.

IV. MAINTENANCE OF MANUAL

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

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