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To: Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH) Users

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Re: **Medicaid Eligibility Handbook Release 09-02**

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**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The following policy additions or changes are effective 02/23/09, unless otherwise noted. **Bold text denotes new text. Text with a strike through it in the old policy section denotes deleted text.**

**CHANGES**

**All** References to the Forward card were changed to "ForwardHealth."

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15  
Income > 15.3 Disregarded  
Income > 15.3.22 Special  
Programs**

**Old Text:**

Disregard income from all of the following:

1. Active Corp. of Executives ( ACE ).
2. ~~Earnings of a census enumerator.~~

**New Text:**

Disregard income from all of the following:

1. Active Corp. of Executives ( ACE ).
2. **All wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census 2010.**

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15  
Income > 15.5 Earned Income >  
15.5.11 Census 2000**

**New Text:**

**Disregard all wages paid by the Census Bureau for temporary employment related to Census 2010.**

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 15  
Income > 15.7 Income  
Deductions > 15.7.3  
Medical/Remedial Expenses ( MRE )**

**Old Text:**

Medical and Remedial Expenses (MRE) are used in:

1. the home and community-based waiver programs ,
2. ~~Family Care Non-Medicaid eligibility determinations, and~~
3. cost share and Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP ) premium calculations.

**New Text:**

Medical and Remedial Expenses (MRE) are used in:

1. the home and community-based waiver programs,
2. **patient liability calculations for residents of a medical institution, and**
3. cost share and Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP ) premium calculations.

**Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 16  
Assets > 16.2 Assets  
Availability > 16.2.2 Real  
Property**

**Old Text:**

~~Allow the maintenance costs for as long as the person is making a good faith effort to sell the property, but in no case for longer than six months.~~

**New Text:**

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**Allow these minimal maintenance costs for as long as the person is making a good faith effort to sell the property at current market value.**

Financial (Chs. 15 - 19) > 16 Assets > 16.7 Liquid Assets> 16.7.4 Annuities> 16.7.4.1 Annuities purchased after March 1, 2004> 16.7.4.1.2 Annuities that cannot be surrendered

This section on *Annuities That Cannot Be Surrendered* has been rewritten. The changes are too numerous to list. These changes are effective March 1, 2009.

Program Admin. (Chs. 20 - 23) > 21 Benefits > 21.1 Benefits Introduction

**New Text:**

Medicaid covers many health care services. However, limitations apply that ensure only medically necessary services are provided.

**The benefit and coverage information provided here is subject to change. The most current Medicaid coverage information is included in the Forward Health Provider Online handbook at:**  
<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Default.aspx>

Program Admin. (Chs. 20 - 23) > 21 Benefits > 21.4 Covered Services

**New Text:**

**The benefit and coverage information provided here is subject to change. The most current Medicaid coverage information is included in the Forward Health Provider Online handbook at:**

<https://www.forwardhealth.wi.gov/WIPortal/Default.aspx>

Program Admin. (Chs. 20 - 23) > 22 Administration > 22.1 Estate Recovery> 22.1.12 Other Programs

**New Text:**

ERP also recovers for Community Options Program ( COP Community Options Program ), Wisconsin Chronic Disease Program ( WCDP ), Medicaid and non-Medicaid Family Care, **and Partnership. ERP does not recover for PACE.**

Program Admin. (Chs. 20 - 23) > 22 Administration > 22.1 Estate Recovery 22.1.13 Recoverable Services Chart

A new column for Partnership was added to the Recoverable Services Chart on this page.

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 25 Special Status Medicaid > 25.7 Tuberculosis> 25.7.5 Aliens

**Old Text:**

~~TB-related services are included among emergency services for persons who do not meet citizenship requirements ([7.3 Immigrants](#)).~~

**New Text:**

**TB-related services provided for the treatment of an emergency medical condition (34.1 Emergency Services) may be covered for persons who do not meet citizenship requirements (7.3 Immigrants).**

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 29 Family Care Long Term Care (FCLTC) > 29.5 FCLTC Enrollment/ Disenrollment and Intercounty Moves> 29.5.2 Disenrollment

This section on *Family Care Long Term Care Disenrollment* was rewritten. The changes are too numerous to list.

Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 30 Partnership Long Term Care > 30.1 Partnership Long Term Care Introduction

**Old Text:**

~~These community based organizations enter into a MA managed care contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (DHFS) and a Medicare managed care contract with the federal Health Care Finance Administration (HCFA). Contractors receive monthly capitation payments from DHFS and HCFA for each participant. Participant's long term care and acute~~

health care costs, including physician services, are paid out of the capitation payment.

**New Text:**

Partnership members are subject to estate recovery as described in MEH 22.1 Estate Recovery. Members who are enrolled in PACE Programs are not subject to estate recovery.

**Partnership Managed Care** Organizations enter into a MA managed care contract with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Services (DHS) and a Medicare managed care contract with the federal **Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS)**. Contractors receive monthly capitation payments from **DHS and CMS** for each participant. Participant's long term care and acute health care costs, including physician services, are paid out of the capitation payment.

**Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 30 Partnership Long Term Care > 30.5 Partnership Enrollment/Disenrollment and Intercounty Moves > 30.5.2 Disenrollment**

This section on *Partnership Long Term Care Disenrollment* was rewritten. The changes are too numerous to list.

**Subprograms (Chs. 24- 38) > 35 Long Term Care Insurance Partnership (LTCIP) > 35 Long Term Care Insurance Partnership (LTCIP)**

This new section on *Long Term Care Insurance Partnership (LTCIP)* was added.

**Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39 Tables > 39.5 FPL Table**

The chart showing the Federal Poverty Levels (FPLs) was updated with 2009 amounts.

**Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39 Tables > 39.9 BadgerCare Premiums**

Instead of updating the BadgerCare premiums, a link to the Premium page of the BadgerCare Plus Handbook page was added.

**Appendix (Chs. 39-40) > 39 Tables > 39.11 SeniorCare Income Limits and Participation Levels**

New income limits were added to the SeniorCare Levels of Participation and to the examples.