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SUBJECT: Phase-Out of Family Care Non-Medicaid Program

CROSS REFERENCE: None

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2008

PURPOSE:

This memo is being issued to inform local Income Maintenance (IM) workers that the Family Care (FC) Non-MA program is being discontinued effective January 1, 2008.

BACKGROUND

Currently, persons not eligible for Medicaid can still qualify for the Family Care benefit by meeting the Family Care Non-MA programs less stringent eligibility requirements. The Family Care Non-MA program is entirely state funded and to keep spending for current program enrollees within the budget allocated for the program, it has been necessary to restrict new enrollment for the past several years.

Under 2007 Wisconsin Act 20, the Family Care Non-MA program is being phased-out as described below.

POLICY

Effective January 1, 2008, no new Family Care Non-MA enrollments will be allowed. Effective July 1, 2008, the Family Care Non-MA program will be eliminated.

Persons enrolled in Family Care Non-MA as of December 31, 2007 may remain enrolled through June 30, 2008, but only if they continue to meet program requirements. Effective July 1, 2008, the Family Care non-MA program will no longer be available to serve these individuals.

CARES PROCESSING

NEW APPLICATIONS AFTER JANUARY 1, 2008

Persons not enrolled in FC Non-MA as of December 31, 2007 are not eligible for the program. Do not confirm a Pass for a FC non-MA AG for anyone that was not enrolled as of December 31st. If CARES builds a FC non-MA AG, navigate back to the Family Care page and indicate there is no CMO capacity for this person. Rerun eligibility and confirm the Fail for FC.

Example 1: Nancy was not receiving Family Care Non-MA benefits as of 12/31/07. Nancy has her annual review in January 2008 and is ineligible for Medicaid, but meets Family Care Non-MA requirements. Nancy may not be enrolled in the Family Care Non-MA program.

REVIEWS

Individuals with reviews due prior to June 2008 can remain enrolled when completing the review if they continue to meet all program requirements. The individual can remain enrolled through June 30, 2008.

When completing a review for FC Non-MA prior to June 1, 2008, CARES will continue to determine FC Non-MA eligibility. If the individual continues to meet the FC requirements but is not Medicaid eligible, confirm the FC non-MA assistance group with the 333 reason code.

Example 2: Joe was receiving Family Care Non-MA benefits as of 12/31/07. Joe has his annual review in March 2008 and is ineligible for Medicaid, but continues to meet Family Care Non-MA requirements. Joe can remain enrolled in Family Care Non-MA through June 30, 2008.

Individuals with a review due in June, 2008 will be disenrolled from Family Care effective June 30, 2008 if they are not determined Medicaid eligible when completing the review.

Individuals with review dates after June, 2008 will be disenrolled as of June 30, 2008 if they are not determined to be Medicaid eligible prior to June 30th. The care managers will be working with these individuals to ensure the Medicaid eligibility determination for anyone who is eligible for Medicaid is completed prior to June 30, 2008.

CONTACTS

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