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TO: Local Office Staff
FROM: Joyce Sampson, Assistant Commissioner for Field Operations
RE: Changes to MassHealth Delivery of Services and Systems Use

Introduction

On July 1, 1997 the Division of Medical Assistance (DMA) instituted numerous changes that will impact medical coverage for many of our EAEDC recipients as well as confirming MassHealth coverage on our system for TAFDC and EAEDC recipients. The term Medicaid will no longer be used.

This memo obsoletes Field Operations Memo 97-35 dated July 18, 1997 and corrects the regional MassHealth office telephone numbers.

**Changes to
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Program**

- All benefits provided will come under the umbrella title of MassHealth.
- All recipients of an EAEDC Family case will receive the same Managed Care Benefits as provided to TAFDC Recipients.
- An EAEDC individual over 18 and under 65 will now receive Managed Care Benefits. Participation in Managed Care will afford them more services than are currently provided through EAEDC medical coverage.
- DMA will mail a packet with information explaining this new program. This mailing is on a staggered basis

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starting in July and ending in September (coinciding with the last digit of the client's SSN). EAEDC cases continue to receive their current benefits until they enroll in Managed Care.

- TAFDC Retroactive Medicaid Benefits have been eliminated.
- **Workers must access MMIS for current information regarding MassHealth eligibility.**

NOTE: All MassHealth cases currently active on PACES will remain on PACES until DMA redetermines them. The cases will then be entered into DMA's new eligibility computer system (MA-21) and established on MMIS with the new category number. See Attachment A for a list of old and new category numbers.

- DMA will now code new recipients under different category numbers on MMIS.

Questions

If recipients have any questions they should call their regional MassHealth offices:

Charlestown	1-800-322-1448
Taunton	1-800-242-1340
Tewksbury	1-800-408-1253
Springfield	1-800-332-5545

If you have any questions about this memo, have your Hotline Designee call the Policy Hotline at 348-8478.

Attachment A

Coverage Type	Citizenship/ Immigration Status	Categorical Eligibility	MMIS Category	
			Old	New
Standard	Citizens/ Qualified Aliens	Pregnant women	06	40
		Children under 1	06,08	40
		Children 1 thru 17	06,08	40
		Parents of children under 18	06	40
		Disabled Adults 18 thru 64 with Medicare	07	43
		Disabled Adults 18 thru 64 without Medicare	07	42
Prenatal	Citizens/ Qualified Aliens	Pregnant Women	81	80
Basic	Citizens/ Qualified Aliens	Adults, age 18 thru 64, who have been unemployed for one year or more.	NA	61
		EAEDC recipients (generally disabled adults who are pending SSI determination or whose disability does not meet SSI criteria		
Buy-In	Citizens/ Qualified Aliens	Adults, age 18 thru 64, who have been unemployed more than one year and have private health insurance	NA	70

Attachment A

Buy-in	Citizens/ Qualified Aliens	EAEDC recipients (generally unemployable adults aged 18 thru 64 pending SSI determination or whose disability does not meet SSI criteria)	NA	70
CommonHealth	Citizens/ Qualified Aliens	Disabled Children under 18	06	50
		Disabled adults working 40 hours or more per month	06	52
		Disabled non-working adults or disabled adults working less than 40 hours per month	NA	53
Limited	Nonqualified Aliens Certain Qualified Aliens	Pregnant Women	06	37
		Children under 1	06	37
		Children 1 thru 17	06	37
		Parents of children under 18	06	37
		Disabled Adults 18 thru 64	07	38