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Subject: Citizenship Verification for MICHild Eligibility

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Programs Affected: MICHild

Federal law extends citizenship verification requirements to the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)/MICHild children as previously required under the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 for Medicaid recipients. Verification requirements are to be implemented for MICHild eligibility determination in accordance with the Children's Health Insurance Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). MICHild applicants must verify U.S. citizenship with an acceptable document to receive MICHild coverage.

Confirmation of citizenship may be obtained through the Social Security Administration (SSA) through a match of the applicant's name and social security number before requesting other documentation from the applicant. The law further requires that if the applicant meets all other elements of eligibility, the MICHild application will be processed and opened prior to receipt of the citizenship verification from SSA.

The standard of promptness for submission of requested documentation is 90 days. Failure to provide verification of citizenship at the end of the 90 day standard of promptness will result in termination of the MICHild coverage.

EXCEPTION: Citizenship verification is not required for newborns that are born to a Medicaid recipient, Safe Delivery babies, children receiving Title IV-B services or IV-E adoption assistance, foster care, Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Retirement Senior Disability Income (RSDI).

Public Comment

This bulletin is being issued for public comment of the policy promulgation process concurrently with the implementation of the changes noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the changes may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "Citizenship Verification" in the subject line. Comments should be submitted no later than March 30, 2010. Comments received will be considered for revisions to the changes implemented by this bulletin.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until applicable information has been incorporated into the Michigan Medicaid Provider Manual.

Questions

Any questions regarding this bulletin should be directed to Provider Inquiry, Department of Community Health, P.O. Box 30731, Lansing, Michigan 48909-8231, or e-mail at ProviderSupport@michigan.gov. When you submit an e-mail, be sure to include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

Approved

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