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Subject: Citizenship Verification for Medical Assistance

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Programs Affected: All Medicaid programs (title XIX and XXI)

Changes in federal law have modified the process for documenting citizenship for Medicaid applicants. In the past, a Medicaid applicant was required to document their citizenship within 10 days of application review, and prior to any Medicaid eligibility. The new process allows the department to match the name and social security number with the Social Security Administration (SSA) for confirmation of citizenship before requesting any documents from the applicant. It also requires the Medicaid application to be processed and opened if the client meets the other elements of eligibility without waiting for the citizenship verification from SSA. In addition, the law changes the standard of promptness for submission of the requested documentation by the client to a minimum of 90 days before closure of the Medicaid assistance.

Public Comment

The public comment portion of the policy promulgation process is being conducted concurrently with the implementation of the change noted in this bulletin. Any interested party wishing to comment on the change may do so by submitting comments in writing to:

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If responding by e-mail, please include "Citizenship Verification for Medical Assistance" in the subject line.

Manual Maintenance

Retain this bulletin until the information has been incorporated into the Program Eligibility 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, include your name, affiliation, and phone number so you may be contacted if necessary. Providers may phone toll-free 1-800-292-2550.

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Stephen Fitton, Director
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