

**MANUAL MATERIAL TRANSMISSION  
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This change was made to add policy to specify that enrollment in Medicare, Parts A and B, is a Medicaid eligibility requirement for those eligible to enroll and for whom the Department pays the Medicare premium. Enrollment in Medicare becomes even more important with the implementation of the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, also known as Medicare, Part D. After December 31, 2005, with a few exceptions, Medicaid will not pay for prescription drugs for individuals age 65 or over or individuals under age 65 who are identified by DHHR as Medicare recipients. An individual must be enrolled in Medicare, Part A or Part B, in order to enroll in a Prescription Drug Benefit Plan.

The following changes were made:

### **Chapter 1**

Appendix A: Information was added and updated.

### **Chapter 4**

Section 4.2,H: Medicare Enrollment, Parts A and B, was added to required verification. The Chapter 4 Table of Contents was also updated.

### **Chapter 5**

Section 5.2: Item number was corrected and inaccurate and obsolete policy or terminology was removed or corrected.

Section 5.3: Obsolete information was removed or updated.

Section 5.4,A; Obsolete information was removed or updated. Policy was added which requires Medicare enrollment for those Medicaid applicants and recipients who are eligible to do so when the Department pays the Medicare premium(s). A procedure was added to refer potential QMB/SLIMB/QI-1 eligibles to the BMS Medicare Buy-In Unit.

Section 5.4, items B and C: Obsolete information was removed or updated.

Section 5.5: Information about where Medicare enrollment good cause policy is located was added.

Section 5.6,A,5: The Item was revised and reorganized to correspond to the Medicare enrollment requirement. Information about Medicare, Part D, the Medicare Prescription Drug Benefit, was added. An exception in item b was removed since no regulatory bases was confirmed.

## **Chapter 16**

Section 16.6,C: The eligibility criteria regarding actual enrollment in Medicare, Part A was revised to help clarify the policy. A procedure was added to refer potential QMB/SLIMB/QI-1 eligibles to the BMS Medicare Buy-In Unit.

Section 16.6,C,1: A NOTE was added to clarify that QMB eligibles cannot be approved for SLIMB also to obtain backdated coverage.

Section 16.6,C,2: Technical corrections were made and a reference to Section 17.9,B was added.

Section 16.6,D: The eligibility criteria regarding actual enrollment in Medicare, Part A was revised to help clarify the policy. A procedure was added to refer potential QMB/SLIMB/QI-1 eligibles to the BMS Medicare Buy-In Unit.

Section 16.6,D,1: A NOTE was added to clarify that QMB eligibles cannot be approved for SLIMB also to obtain backdated coverage.

Section 16.6,E: The eligibility criteria regarding actual enrollment in Medicare, Part A was revised to help clarify the policy. A procedure was added to refer potential QMB/SLIMB/QI-1 eligibles to the BMS Medicare Buy-In Unit.

## **Chapter 22**

Section 22.1: All sections were changed to remove and change obsolete information and terminology. Information about the upcoming Medicare Drug Benefit was added to other Medicare information.

Section 22.2: Groups eligible for buy-in were updated.

Section 22.3: Obsolete terminology and procedures were removed or updated.

Policy questions should be directed to the DFA Economic Services Policy Unit. RAPIDS questions should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.