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This Change was made to implement the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act (MIPPA) of 2008 which mandates that the Social Security Administration transfer Low Income Subsidy (LIS) applicant files effective January 1, 2010 to states for a Medicare Premium Assistance (MPA) eligibility determination, unless the client has declined to share their information. The LIS/MPA (QMB/SLIMB/QI-1) data files are transmitted from the SSA through data exchange to the Department. Workers will receive a DXRL alert and be able to view the client data. RAPIDS will screen, issue DFA-QSQ-1s, and perform other processes automatically; however, Workers have responsibilities in the MIPPA application process and these are included in this Change.

Effective January 1, 2010 as a result of the MIPPA legislation, Estate Recovery no longer applies to MPA recipients. The Estate Recovery reference on the DFA-QSQ-1 was removed. Any printed copies of the previous DFA-QSQ-1 should be discarded. If an outdated form is used, the applicant must not be penalized for his response to the reference to Estate Recovery, nor should Estate Recovery be discussed with him as a potential result of receipt of MPA.

Because Estate Recovery Provisions did apply to MPA recipients, if corrective action or backdated coverage requires an MPA eligibility determination prior to January 1, 2010, the DFA-2, with the DFA-RR-1 is used which contains a reference to the Estate Recovery Provision.

Effective January 1, 2010, the asset levels for QMB/SLIMB/QI-1 were increased to correspond with the LIS asset limits.

The following changes were made:

CHAPTER 1

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Section 1.2, B,1: Receipt of an application for MPA through the SSA's LIS/MPA data exchange was added.

Section 1.2,H,3: Policy regarding how RAPIDS determines which SSA LIS/MPA applicants are issued DFA-QSQ-1s, the county of issuance, and Worker responsibilities when the DFA-QSQ-1 is returned to a county other than where the client resides, was added.

Section 1.2,K: Receipt of an application for MPA through the SSA's LIS/MPA data exchange was added to item K. The type of benefits for which an LIS applicant is evaluated was added. Policy regarding RAPIDS' response when a LIS/MPA data file is received was added. An EXAMPLE applicable to the MIPPA process was added. The Sections were renumbered.

Section 1.2,M: An EXCEPTION was added.

Section 1.2,N: Text was added to address Worker responsibilities when there are possible discrepancies between LIS data and the Department's records.

Section 1.3,C: The SSA's LIS/MPA data exchange was added as an application method for MPA.

Section 1.15: Policy regarding differences between processing MPA applications initiated from the SSA's LIS/MPA data exchange and other MPA applications was added. Form names were updated. A NOTE was added regarding when a DFA-2 with a DFA-RR-1 is used for MPA applicants who require an eligibility determination prior to January 1, 2010.

Section 1.15,A: Subsections were added to differentiate between the application process for MPA initiated through the SSA's LIS/MPA data exchange and that of other MPA applicants. Worker responsibilities when the DFA-QSQ-1 is returned to a county other than where the client resides, and when the DFA-QSQ-1 is not returned timely, were added.

Section 1.15,D: The SSA'S LIS/MPA data exchange was added as an application method for MPA.

Section 1.15,I: Policy differences between processing MPA applications initiated from the SSA's LIS/MPA data exchange and other MPA applications and an EXAMPLE, were added.

Section 1.15,J, M, 1, 2, and 3: EXAMPLES emphasizing the significance of the LIS application date in LIS/MPA application processing were added.

Appendix E, Form DFA-QSQ-1: The DFA-QSQ-1 was revised and the Estate Recovery provision for MPA recipients was removed.

Chapter 11

Section 11.3: The Maximum Allowable Assets chart was updated. The asset limits for the MPA Programs were increased to the 2010 LIS levels.

Chapter 16

Section 16.6.C,1: An EXCEPTION was added regarding when backdating is appropriate for QMB.

Section 16.6,C, D and E: The Estate Recovery Provision for MPA recipients has been removed from the revised DFA-QSQ-1. The asset levels for the MPA Programs were increased to correspond with the 2010 LIS asset limits. The Buy-In Unit's electronic address was corrected.

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

RAPIDS questions should be directed to the RAPIDS Help Desk.