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Minnesota Department of **Human Services**

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TO: County Human Services Agencies
Attention: Fiscal Supervisors and other interested staff

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SUBJECT: AMSSA 2016 Conference Follow-Up

I apologize for not being able to attend this year's conference. From the sounds of it, I missed a really good one that was well attended and included some great break-out sessions. As I have done in the past, I want to follow up on a few items which were brought to my staff's attention during the conference. Please see the following:

Populations Eligible for Enhanced FMAP

Several of you requested information on how to identify those Medicaid recipients whose service claims are eligible for enhanced FMAP. Below, please find a basic description of the characteristics of the two groups who are eligible.

Newly Eligible (100% FMAP for CY2014 – CY2016 and 95% for CY2017)

- AX recipient eligibility type in MMIS
- Single Adults ages 21 - 64 without children
- Not pregnant
- Can be disabled but cannot have Medicare or Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Income is at or below 138% Federal Poverty Levels

Not Newly Eligible (75% FMAP for CY2014, 80% for CY2015, 85% for CY2016, and 86% for CY2017)

- NA recipient eligibility type in MMIS
- Noninstitutionalized disabled adults
- Not Pregnant
- Can not have Medicare or SSI
- Income is at or below 100% Federal Poverty Levels
- Eligibility is determined by Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Method

Questions on the above should be directed to Becky Path at rebecca.path@state.mn.us or 651.431.3771

2016 Legislative Change Impacting MA Estate Recovery and Liens

Again, there were several comments and questions related to recent legislative changes made to the MA estate recovery and lien process. While you were attending the conference, the Department issued detailed talking points on the subject – please see attached.

Child Protection in Review by David Hanson

The opening round-table discussion on the Child Protection Worker Grant (CPWG) was informative. It is helpful to hear how different agencies are handling the Child Protection Worker Grant in their financial systems. It was also helpful to gain insight on perceptions at agencies. Below are a few of the takeaways I had from the discussion:

- Segregating or using an identifier in the accounting system for the CPWG funding. This will allow you to quickly identify the grant expenditures. It also helps in making sure any excess funds does not revert to the general fund.
- The critical time for documenting your process will be while you spend down the “bubble”. Most agencies received more CPWG funding in CY 2015 then they could spend. This creates a bubble of funds which could give the appearance of supplanting county investment. Having records (budget plan and the actual spending against the plan) are good ways to demonstrate that county funds were not supplanted. Once the “bubble” of extra funding is spent down and additional staff are hired, the need to do detailed tracking diminishes.
- DHS is not using SEAGR information to make a final determination of compliance. SEAGR information is only being used to see where there may be some spending issues in spending down these grant funds. DHS will look at all information, such as Minnesota Merit System, to review creation and filling of new positions and to identify agencies where there may be concerns on spending.

Questions or comments on the above can be directed to David Hanson at david.m.hanson@state.mn.us or 651.431.3737.

Future FOD Training Opportunity – Child Support

Save the date. The next FOD training is Tuesday, September 27th starting at 1:30 PM. The training is scheduled for 3 hours but we don't anticipate it to take that long. Child Support related topics that will be covered include: Net County Admin Report, calculation of the federal incentive, Cooperative Agreements, cost allocation and allowable costs, and elimination of the \$25 application fee. There will be time for questions during and after the training. More information on signing up will be coming soon. Questions or ideas for Child Support training topics can be sent to Shawn Tobias at Shawn.Tobias@statemn.us or 651-431-3727.