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Department for Children and Families

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SUBJECT: Technical Amendments to Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 - New federal citizenship and identity verification requirements for Vermont Medicaid program

CHANGES ADOPTED EFFECTIVE 7/1/08

INSTRUCTIONS

- Maintain Manual - See instructions below.**
- Proposed Regulation - Retain bulletin and attachments until you receive Manual Maintenance Bulletin: _____**
- Information or Instructions - Retain until _____**

MANUAL REFERENCE(S):

M125

This bulletin makes technical amendment to Rule M125 to fix indentation error made inadvertently when producing 06-48. The indentation was correct as of Bulletin 86-12 issued on October 1, 1986. It was promulgated with the typographical error beginning with Bulletin 06-50 issued on October 1, 2006, and 06-48 issued on January 1, 2007.

Vertical lines in the left margin indicate significant changes. Dotted lines at the left indicate changes to clarify, rearrange, correct references, etc., without changing content.

Manual Maintenance

Medicaid Rules

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M125 Social Security Numbers

The Department will notify applicants or recipients that Social Security numbers will be used in the administration of the Medicaid program.

Refusal to furnish a Social Security number, refusal to verify a Social Security number, or refusal to apply for a Social Security number for any applicant or recipient shall make that individual ineligible for assistance. However, refusal to furnish a Social Security number shall not affect eligibility if the individual is a member of a religious organization that objects to this practice.

The Department will advise applicants how to apply for Social Security numbers and will not delay, deny or discontinue assistance during the issuance and verification of such numbers.

M126 Verification (Proof)

Verification means proof of an applicant's statements by written records or documents shown to the Department's employee or agent, or by statements of another person who adds to or supports the applicant's statements.

Proof of the following is required:

All applicants' and recipients' Social Security numbers. Verification of application for such numbers is an acceptable substitute until such time as the Social Security numbers are received and verified; and

A medical decision, based on professional examination and judgment, on blindness, disability or incapacity; and

All countable income;

All resources, when the total is within \$200 of the resource maximum; and

Proof of citizenship or alienage status and identity (M170).

Proof may also be necessary when the statement form and interview, if one is held, do not give enough clear and consistent information to make a decision on any other eligibility test.

Proof documents are returned to the applicant as soon as necessary after information is recorded. Proof documents may be brought to the interview if one is held. Added proofs asked for after review of the applicant's statement may be sent or brought to the office.

When an applicant refuses to give necessary proofs, the application may be denied.