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KDHE-DHCF POLICY NO: SOC2018-07-01	From: Jeanine Schieferecke
Date: August 1, 2018	KEESM Sections: 2124.1, 2672, 5722, 6220, 6410, 9124
RE: Summary of Changes (SOC) for Medical KEESM Revision #10	Program(s): Elderly & Disabled Medical

The purpose of this document is to provide the detailed Summary of Changes for implementing revisions to the Medical KEESM manual effective August 1, 2018. In addition to this document, KDHE Policy Memo 2018-07-01 has been issued. Manual changes are outlined below.

2124.1(4) Requirements – This section has been updated to include new policy related to the timeframe in which verification must be provided to demonstrate pursuit of spousal elective share as a potential resource. The surviving spouse must provide verification within 60 days of the date of death that he or she has either filed a claim or is taking positive action to file a claim.

2672 Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (LMB) – This section has been amended to include references to other pertinent sections of the Medical KEESM which were inadvertently removed as part of a previous revision. The general guidelines regarding Part A eligibility and financial eligibility for the QMB program specified in 2671.2 and 2671.3 are applicable to LMB.

5722(3) Subsection of Transfers of Specific Resources – Disclaimer of Inheritance and Spousal Elective Share – This section was updated to include new policy related to the applicable penalty start date when an inappropriate transfer for failure to pursue the spousal elective share as a potential resource has occurred.

6220(4) Subsection of Types of Countable Unearned Income – Child Support – A reference to Medical KEESM 6410(11) has been added for child support exemption criteria.

6410(11) Subsection of Income Exempt as Income Only and Income Exempt as Income and a Resource – Child Support – This section has been updated to include exemption criteria for current child support payments received by children under age 18 and students under age 22. Reference to the one-third (1/3) deduction for current child support has been removed as it is no longer applicable.

9124 **Whereabouts of Recipient Unknown** – This section has been corrected to reflect policy which was implemented as part of a previous revision. Twelve (12) days are allowed for the consumer to inform the agency of their whereabouts prior to action being taken to discontinue eligibility.

Documents and Forms

T-3 **Life Estate Valuation Table** – The Life Estate Valuation Table (T-3) is based on the current Internal Revenue Code (IRC) interest rate and actuarial table. The table has been updated as part of this revision with an effective date of August 1, 2018.

T-4 **Life Expectancy Table** – The Life Expectancy Table (T-4) is based on the current Social Security Administration (SSA) actuarial table and has been updated as part of this revision with an effective date of August 1, 2018.

CONCLUSION

For questions or concerns related to this document, please contact one of the KDHE Medical Policy Staff listed below.

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