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KDHE-DHCF POLICY NO: 2019-10-01	From: Erin Kelley, Senior Manager
Date: October 18, 2019	Medical KEESM/KFMAM Reference:
RE: Policy Implementation Instructions and Information for October 2019 KEES Changes	Program(s): All Medical Programs

This memo implements changes to the Medical Assistance programs implemented with the KEES Release on October 20, 2019. Unless otherwise indicated, the following implementation instructions are applicable to all eligibility actions, including system actions, taken on or after this KEES Release. Additional information related to the implementation of these changes is available through training material released to eligibility staff, KEES Release Notes, and the KEES User Manual.

1. TALX UPDATES

The following updates will be made to the TALX interface to improve the results returned to KEES.

A. TALX EMPLOYEE STATUS CODES

When the Reasonable Compatibility rules were developed in KEES, based on the information known at that time, the TALX statuses chosen to be used in Reasonable Compatibility were “Active”, “Part Time”, and “Leave.” Recently, it was discovered the TALX has more status which they consider “Active” employment statuses. This includes the three mentioned above. Because of this, KEES will be updated to allow all “Active” Employee Status codes in TALX to be used for Reasonable Compatibility tests in KEES. This will increase the income results returned in Tier 2 and allow for additional Reasonable Compatibility tests completed. These updates should also decrease the amount of times staff will need to manually access TALX data. Current reasonable compatibility policy will not change, and only “Active” status will be used in the determinations. A chart listing all statuses in TALX will be included in the KEES User Manual. These results will be stored in KEES for future reference.

2. PRE-POPULATED REVIEW REDUCTION

The following changes to the Reviews Batch have been implemented in an effort to reduce the number of Pre-Populated Reviews being generated.

A. SUPER PASSIVE REVIEW FOR SSI/MSP COVERAGE

Logic within KEES has been modified to allow individuals with an SSI major aid code and an MSP (QMB or LMB) minor aid code to receive a Super Passive Review. A Super Passive Review is one in which the medical program is automatically reevaluated by the KEES based on the program type, income, and resources to determine continued eligibility using the information already known or obtained by the agency. If eligible based on the review criteria, a new twelve (12) month review period is established with notification issued to the beneficiary. This is a no-touch automated process with no manual worker involvement required.

In order for an individual with an SSI major aid code and an MSP minor aid code to receive a Super Passive Review, they must have SSI income and remain eligible for QMB or LMB. If these criteria are not met, or if the individual is eligible for SSI and ELMB and must make a decision on which coverage to continue, a Pre-Populated Review will result.

B. EARNED INCOME CHECK FOR THE ELDERLY & DISABLED MEDICAL PROGRAMS

The earned income check has been removed with this KEES Release for Elderly and Disabled cases which are subject to the reasonable compatibility determination. Prior to this KEES Release, the earned income check required all Elderly and Disabled and Long Term Care cases with a high-dated earned income record to receive a Pre-Populated Review, regardless of the outcome of the reasonable compatibility determination for those programs which are subject to it. This additional check as part of the Reviews Batch has been determined redundant, as it caused many Elderly and Disabled cases to receive a Pre-Populated Review even when the reported earned income or zero income was determined to be reasonably compatible.

Long Term Care programs are still subject to the earned income check and shall receive a Pre-Populated Review if a high-dated earned income record is present. Persons receiving coverage under Working Healthy shall always receive a Pre-Populated Review. This process is unchanged as part of this KEES Release.

Consider the following examples:

1. Clara is receiving coverage under a Medically Needy spenddown which has been met. Clara also works part time at a retail store. At review, Clara's earned income is determined reasonably compatible. Clara will receive a Passive Review instead of a

Pre-Populated Review. Prior to this KEES Release, Clara would have received a Pre-Populated Review because she had a high-dated earned income record.

2. Lyle is receiving HCBS and is employed part time at a grocery store. Because Lyle has a high-dated earned income record, a Pre-Populated Review will be sent. Long Term Care programs are not subject to the reasonable compatibility determination.

C. CONTINUOUS PASSIVE REVIEW CYCLES

The previous requirement that a Pre-Populated Review be sent to households who had received Passive Reviews for the last two reviews has been removed with this KEES release. Prior to this KEES release, households who had received two consecutive Passive Reviews, including Family Medical households with multiple CE dates in the same year, would automatically be sent a Pre-Populated Review upon the next review. This requirement as part of the Reviews Batch has resulted in consumers receiving Pre-Populated Reviews more often than intended – causing hardships on both staff as well as the consumer.

With this KEES release, a Review can now be passive forever so long as the criteria to receive a Passive Review continues to be met. Remember, the earned income check is no longer part of this criteria for Elderly and Disabled cases subject to the reasonably compatible determination.

3. QUESTIONS

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

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