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To: Regional Directors
Economic and Employment Support Program Administrators
Economic and Employment Support Staff
KHPA Staff, including the HealthWave Clearinghouse
Social Service Administrators
Other Staff

Re: Summary of Changes for Kansas Economic and Employment Support
Manual (KEESM) Revision No. 48 effective July 1, 2011.

OVERVIEW OF CHANGES

A brief overview of the major changes is described below. Other clarifications and technical corrections are also included and described in the next section. Additional technical corrections not mentioned here are being incorporated in KEESM as needed.

Food Assistance and TAF - There are also several policy clarifications being included in this revision including recent policy changes regarding checking The Work Number.

General Assistance – Due to legislative budgetary action, the General Assistance program will no longer offer a cash benefit to eligible recipients.

Medical Assistance – All references to the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) in the manual have been changed due to the agency's transition to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The average nursing home private pay daily rate used to calculate transfer penalties has changed. The resource test for children and young adults under the age of 21 years old has been eliminated. Medical services and items provided outside of the United States are considered non-medically necessary.

DESCRIPTION, PURPOSE, AND DETAILS OF POLICY CHANGE

I. Food Assistance and TAF

A. Changes

None

B. Clarifications

1. **The Work Number and BARI/BASI** – Modifications are being made to the requirement to check The Work Number and BARI/BASI for possible employment. With this revision, clarifications are included that these systems do not need to be checked if the person is getting SSI or Social Security Disability and they only need to be checked for persons age 18-65. KEESM sections [1322.1\(1\)\(e\)](#), [9122.6\(1\)\(c\)](#) and [9333](#) are being modified to incorporate these changes.

II. General Assistance

A. Changes

1. KEESM [1111](#) Cash Assistance and Employment Support, is being revised to clarify that the GA program now only offers a medical benefit but also explain that applicants must still meet the established eligibility criteria for the GA cash program in order to be considered for a medical benefit.
2. KEESM [1724](#) Social Security Disability Advocacy Project, The advocacy requirement for the General Assistance program is being eliminated therefore; this material is no longer applicable and is being removed.
3. KEESM [2314](#) General Assistance Reintegration (GA RN), removes references to "GA needs standard and shelter standard.
4. KEESM [2315](#) Application for Social Security Benefits, KLS is no longer the Agency's contractor for advocacy services related to GA recipients pursuing Social Security Disability benefits. References to KLS have been removed.
5. KEESM [2316](#) Interim Assistance Reimbursement (IAR), With the elimination of the cash benefit for GA, there is no longer a need to pursue reimbursement of cash benefits from the Social Security Administration. This material is no longer applicable and is being removed and labelled Reserved.

B. Clarifications

1. KEESM [2663](#) Presumptive Medicaid Disability (PMD) is being updated to clarify that there is no longer a GA cash benefit available.

III. Medical Assistance

A. Changes

1. **Executive Reorganization** – Pursuant to Executive Reorganization Order No. 38 (2011), the Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) will become the Division of Health Care Finance within the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE). This will be a transparent transition with no substantial changes in medical eligibility related processes. To accommodate this change, all references to Kansas Health Policy Authority (KHPA) in the KEESM have been changed to Kansas Department of Health and Environment – Division of Health Care Finance (KDHE – DHCF).
2. **Transfer of Property** – The average nursing home private pay daily rate in the state has increased from \$136.14 to \$145.42. The new rate is effective with all penalty periods with a start date on or after July 1, 2011.

KEESM section [5724.4\(2\)](#) and Appendix item [W-9](#) (Transfer of Property Worksheet) will be updated with this revision. In addition, the electronic Transfer of Property Worksheet will be updated and reissued. Previous versions will be obsolete and should be discarded.

3. **Elimination of Resource Test** – The resource test has been eliminated for children and young adults under the age of 21 years old. This change is effective immediately. A separate implementation memo concerning this policy change will be issued.

KEESM sections [2666](#), [5130](#), [8113](#), [8142\(2\)](#), [8183](#) and [8242\(2\)](#) will be updated with this revision.

4. **Non-Medically Necessary Services** – Medical services and items provided outside of the United States are considered to be non- medically necessary and therefore not allowable as an expense against spenddown or to reduce an HCBS obligation.

KEESM Appendix, Item [P-1](#) (Medical Necessity) will be updated with this revision.

B. Clarifications

None

FORMS (Explanation provided if not mentioned previously in this summary.)

APPENDIX (Explanation provided if not mentioned previously in this summary.)

A. **General Assistance**

[F-4](#), **TABLE I-TAF/GA NonShared Living**. This will no longer be applicable for GA, so "GA" will be removed from the title for this table.

B. **Medical Assistance**

1. [B-6](#), **Request for Trust/Annuity Clearance**
2. [P-1](#), **Medical Necessity**
3. [W-9](#), **Transfer of Property Worksheet**

MISCELLANEOUS FORMS (Explanation provided if not mentioned previously in this summary.)

EFFECTIVE DATE

The policies in this revision are effective July 1, 2011, except for the elimination of the resource test for children and young adults which is effective with the issuance of the separate implementation memo for that policy.

EFFECT ON LOCAL STAFF

Medical Assistance

Most of the medical changes contained in this revision will have little or no net affect on local staff. The elimination of the resource test for children and young adults will require some effort by eligibility staff to acclimate to the new policy.

MATERIALS OBSOLETE BY THIS REVISION

Forms

IM-3110, **Interim Assistance Reimbursement for Initial Claims and Post Eligibility Payments Authorization**

IM-3110.1, **Interim Assistance Reimbursement (Notice of Apportionment)**

Appendix

F-6, **TABLE III – GA NonShared Living**

F-7, GA Pro Rata Tables

F-10, GA Pro Rata Basic and Shelter Allowance

COORDINATION EFFORTS

Within EES, the material in this letter and manual revision has been coordinated with staff in Economic and Employment Support, the EES Program Administrators, the Implementation Planning Team, and the Training Advisory Team.

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