

Policy Clarification 2022-06-01

Title: FFM Applications – Pre-Tax and Federal Deductions

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Program(s) Impacted: All Medical Programs

The purpose of this document is to provide clarification regarding the application of pre-tax and federal deductions policy as outlined in <u>PM2021-07-01</u> when processing applications received from the Federally Facilitated Marketplace (FFM). The following instructions are effective upon release and should have little to no impact on current processing.

Effective July 2021, policy was implemented which allowed consumers the ability to potentially reduce their total countable monthly income by reporting pre-tax and federal deductions. The KC-1100, KC-1500, SSP Online Application, and review forms were updated to request pre-tax and federal deduction information from the consumer. Since implementation of that policy, questions surrounding the FFM application and pre-tax and federal deductions have been received requesting guidance on whether this information is available on the FFM application and how to proceed with case processing.

It is now clarified that consumers do have the ability to report pre-tax and federal deductions when applying with the FFM and it is then sent to KanCare. Therefore, it would not be appropriate to request pre-tax and federal deduction information from the consumer when processing an FFM application unless hard-copy verification was needed based on the reported amount.

NOTE: Please refer to <u>PM2021-07-01</u> for common pre-tax and federal deductions and the KEES User Manual for entering deductions into KEES.

For questions or concerns related to this document, please contact the KDHE Medical Policy Staff at <u>KDHE.MedicaidEligibilityPolicy@ks.gov</u>.

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