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## Questions and Answers KFMAM Implementation Memo, May 1, 2008

### Electronic records of Citizenship and Identity documentation

Question 1: Are electronic records only acceptable on decisions taken on or after May 1, 2008?

Answer: The policy applies to all existing records of citizenship and identity in addition to the new electronic records established. It is not only applicable to decisions after May 1, 2008.

### Reporting requirements for Deemed Newborns

Question 2: In the example you have listed, you state: "The baby is determined to be eligible for coverage in the current month and prior medical months." There is no mention that prior medical was requested by the mother so do we ALWAYS go back and determine prior medical coverage for babies reported after the first 6 months or should this particular example state that prior medical was requested in order to explain why PM is being determined?

Answer: It is not necessary to provide coverage in the prior medical months if the consumer is not in need of the coverage. The example was intended to clarify that coverage can not be retroactively provided beyond the prior medical period. Because a request to add a child to an open medical case does not require an application, applicants don't have the opportunity to identify a need for medical coverage in the prior months. Therefore, it is critical that the offer of prior medical coverage is extended to the family at the time of request or when eligibility is being determined.

## Medical Program Hierarchy

Question 3: Is it necessary to register and deny the MACM on KAECSES when determining eligibility for a pregnant woman?

Answer: No. The original instructions were to determine MACM, not necessarily add the program to KAECSES and then deny. Eligibility for the MACM program must be determined prior to determining eligibility for MP. However, the determination is not required to be completed on KAECSES. It is sufficient to complete the MACM worksheet and include documentation in the case file regarding the reason for MACM ineligibility.

Question 4: When eligibility is determined for a pregnant woman on the MACM program with other children, when is the CSE referral completed?

Answer: The referral to CSE shall be made at the time of approval. If the eligibility worker is notified that the pregnant woman has failed to cooperate with CSE, a penalty can not be applied while she is in her continuous eligibility period. The penalty shall be applied following the postpartum period.

Question 5: Can you tell me what the background reason is for starting with the MACM for pregnant women?

Answer: Federal rules are the primary reason for requiring pregnant women to initially be determined for the MACM program. In addition, eligibility for the TransMed program is based solely on the receipt of MACM months.

Question 6: Case Example: A pregnant woman applies for coverage and requests prior medical. She has no income currently, but did have a job during the prior medical months. She did not provide income verification for the prior medical months. Should her coverage be expedited on MACM or MP?

Answer: Expedite her coverage on MACM, as that is her eligibility for the application month. When her prior medical income is provided, if she is MACM eligible in prior medical months as well, a new case number will be required to provide coverage for the prior medical months.

Question 7: Case Example: A child is on an open MP case and mom requests coverage. The mother is financially eligible for MACM but coverage can not be provided because she has not verified her citizenship or identity. Should the child be switched from MP to MACM at this time, even though the mom will not be approved for coverage?

Answer: Yes, MACM should be opened for the child. Although the mother was not approved for MACM, there was a request for adult coverage and financial eligibility for the program was established. By placing the child on MACM, the child can then meet the 3 of 6 month criteria to allow future eligibility for TransMed.

### **Non-Relative Caretakers**

Question 8: Scenario: Mother, 16 yr old daughter, her 17yr old boyfriend and their mutual child. KFMAM 2130 allows the mother to apply on behalf of the minor boyfriend. The ES-3108 would not be required. However, if the daughter and minor boyfriend do not have a mutual child or unborn, then 2130 does not apply and form ES-3108 would be required for the mother to apply on this minor's behalf, correct?

Answer: Yes, that is correct. KFMAM 2130 only allows the adult to apply when a mutual child or unborn is part of the family.

Question 9: Will a current notarized statement from the parents giving someone permission to seek medical care, etc...serve the same purpose as the ES-3108?

Answer: No. At the next case determination, form ES-3108 is required.

Question 10: Is the ES-3108 form only required at review?

Answer: No. The memo indicates that the new process applies to all 'cases' processed after May 1, 2008. Therefore, this would include any case processing such as review, new request for coverage or redetermination.

Question 11: Scenario: Mother, 2 children and a non-related child applying for MA CM. After obtaining the ES-3108, is this a HH of 4 or a HH of 3?

Answer: The MACM must be determined as a HH of 3, with shared living. The non-related child, even after the authorization form is provided does not qualify the adult as a caretaker for purposes of MACM. Therefore, this child can not be included in the MACM assistance plan. The non-related child shall be provided coverage on the MP program.

Question 12: Scenario: Minor mother and her baby are living with a family friend, who does not meet caretaker requirements. Coverage is only requested for the baby. Who completes the ES-3108 authorizing the family friend to apply for the baby?

Answer: The minor mother may complete and sign the ES-3108. According to Kansas state law, minor parents are permitted to provide this consent.

## **Conclusion**

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