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RE: Medicaid Eligibility Rule and the Affordable Care Act (ACA)

Dear County, Medical Assistance Site, and Advocacy Group Directors,

The Department of Health Care Policy and Financing (Department) is seeking feedback and guidance from the Counties, Medical Assistance Sites, and Advocacy Groups in the Medicaid Eligibility rule drafting process. The Department would like to implement a time-limited work group to discuss proposed rules with stakeholders regarding Medicaid Eligibility and Enrollment in accordance with the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and the Federal Medicaid Eligibility Final Rule (42 CFR Parts 431, 433, 435, and 457). While following federal rules and regulations, the Department would like to involve stakeholders in the drafting process to incorporate their perspectives and ideas where possible. The work group will focus on the following:

1. Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) methods and How It Affects Category Eligibility;
2. Coordination across Medicaid, CHIP, and Affordable Insurance Exchanges; and
3. Application, Verification, & Renewals.

Feedback from county staff will be essential to the drafting process of the rules that are necessary for a smooth implementation of the ACA and Federal Medicaid Eligibility Final Rule. The Department is requesting a maximum of fifteen (15) county, MA, and advocacy group staff members and supervisors to dedicate approximately three hours every two weeks for a total of five (5) meetings to focus on the topics outlined above. If you have staff members that would like to participate and can offer the time commitment required, please forward their contact information to Alexandra Gates, work group facilitator, by COB September 28, 2012 and we will move forward with the development of these work groups.

Attached are copies of both the schedule and the charter for the work group. If there is too much conflict with existing schedules, meetings can be moved to make accommodations. If you have any questions, please contact Alexandra Gates at Alexandra.Gates@state.co.us or 303-866-3085.

Thanks,

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