

## **Department Proposed Policy Change for the Medical Deduction**

### **Goal:**

Based on the feedback the Department has received and evaluated, the proposed solution would create a policy that would our goal is to be equitable and determine ability to pay based on actual resources available to the client. The proposed policy change will be implemented on July 1, 2015.

### **Problem Addressed:**

Applicant receives windfall for using medical bills from non-CICP providers for 1<sup>st</sup> year regardless of if patient has actually paid any portion of the bill. Bills over 365 days are not considered for a medical deduction in second year.

### **Considerations:**

Align solution with goal, while taking into account that goal and solution cannot be more administratively difficult for provider and/or more burdensome for CICP applicant than the current policy.

### **Solution**

The intent of the proposed policy change is create a policy which is not administratively burdensome, to ensure the patient's actual ability to pay is accurate. This goal should be accomplished by including a deduction for current medical expenses (such as pharmacy) that the client has recently paid or continues to pay on an ongoing basis, as long as they can provide adequate documentation.

**Department Proposal**

1. Eliminate current year windfall
2. Allow deduction for documented payment of outstanding medical bills, regardless the age of the bill
3. Allow deduction for current verifiable medical expenses and/or pharmaceuticals prescribed by a physician and filled by either an internal or external pharmacy

**Proposed Solution**

1. CICP will have consistent deductions for current and future years
2. Client is given credit for aged bills not previously considered
3. Current policy will be extended to include aged bills