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Intended Recipients:

This agency letter is for county technicians and their supervisors who process Medicaid for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled population.

Purpose:

This agency letter provides procedural clarification when processing eligibility for individuals receiving Supplemental Security Income (“SSI”) who have an approved federal trust.

Background:

Individuals who are approved for SSI benefits may have a trust that was approved by the Social Security Administration. In the past when these individuals have applied for long-term care, their benefits have been delayed while the federal trust was reviewed to determine if it met the State’s trust criteria. In some cases this review has resulted in denial of long-term care benefits.

Procedure or Information:

All SSI recipients are to be approved for Medicaid immediately. When an individual is on SSI, they are automatically eligible for Medicaid. Approval of Medicaid should not be delayed because of the existence of a federal trust. If the county is in possession of a copy of a **federally approved** trust, it should be sent to the Department for tracking purposes.

When an SSI recipient who has a federally approved trust is in need of long-term care benefits, the **federal trust** does not need to be approved by the state for the purposes of receiving long-term care benefits. Rule 8.110.52E is not applicable in these circumstances because the individual has already been approved for Medicaid. The only additional step that needs to occur is the processing of the ULTC 100.2. Eligibility cannot be delayed or denied due to the existence

of a federally approved trust in these circumstances. Again, if the county is in possession of a copy of the trust, it should be forwarded on to the Department.

Copies of the federal trusts should be mailed to:

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