

MEDICAL PROGRAM UPDATES

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MEDICAID AND THE COMMUNITY CARE PROGRAM (CCP)

- ✘ Allows seniors to remain at home as long as possible
 - + 60+ in need of in-home care to prevent nursing home admission
 - + Determination of Need (DON) must be completed to prove the level of care necessary
 - + Must apply for Medicaid
 - ✘ Asset standard = \$2,000
 - ✘ Income standard = \$908 + \$25 income disregard
 - + If married and living with spouse:
 - ✘ Spouse is allowed \$113,640 in assets and
 - ✘ \$2,841 / month in income
- ✘ CCP can provide care coordination, home care aides, day programs, emergency monitoring and other services based on needs

BUDGETING – SPENDDOWN EXAMPLE

SSA Income \$1,350

Income Disregard -25

Total Countable Income = \$1,325

Medical Std for 1 - \$908

Monthly Spenddown \$417

BUDGETING – SPOUSAL EXAMPLE

✘ Applicant

SSA Income \$2,350

Total Income = \$2,325

✘ Spouse

SSA Income of \$1,650

Divert \$1,191

Net Income \$1,134



Needs \$1,191 to meet
CSMNA of \$2,841

MANG Std for 1 - \$908

Spenddown - \$226

MEETING SPENDDOWN

- ✘ WAIVER SERVICES
- ✘ MEDICAL INSURANCE – including Part B & D premiums and Medicare supplements
- ✘ PAID RECEIPTS – up to 6 months after the bill is paid, including co-pays
- ✘ UNPAID BILLS – until used up, if currently being billed
- ✘ MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION – bus, taxi, 24¢ per mile for their own car
- ✘ Pay-In Spenddown

MEETING SPENDDOWN CENTRALLY

- ✘ DoA sends a file monthly to report CCP services to centrally meet spenddown
- ✘ Spenddown \$500 / month
CCP services \$600 / month

Centrally met spenddown – medical card issued for the following month

Send DHS Form 2538B to notify DHS office of beginning services/services amount/changes

LONG TERM CARE CHANGES EFF 1/1/12

- ✘ Look-back period goes from 36 to 60 months
- ✘ Penalty period begins with the month of application
- ✘ New centralized hardship process
- ✘ Must be eligible each back month
- ✘ State must be named a remainder beneficiary
- ✘ \$750,000 homestead property limit
- ✘ Change in allowable self-employment assets
- ✘ Change in pre-paid funeral agreements
- ✘ 1 year to transfer assets to spouse

TRANSFERS - ALLOWABLE OR NON-ALLOWABLE?

- ✘ Resources for the last 60 months must be verified
- ✘ Transfers less than 60 months before application must be reviewed
 - + Allowable if made for Fair Market Value
 - + Allowable if made for some reason other than to be eligible for medical coverage
 - + Allowable transfers to a community spouse, minor child or to a trust for a child with disabilities
 - + Some homestead property transfers allowed

NON-ALLOWABLE TRANSFERS

- ✘ Create a penalty period beginning with the month of application
- ✘ Penalty amount is based on the facility private pay rate (or DoA service amount)
- ✘ \$12,000 transferred with a \$5,430 CCP rate (\$181/day) = 2.20 months (2 months + 6 days) ineligibility

OLD POLICY VS NEW POLICY

- ✘ **OLD** – person could wait 2 months to go into the facility. Penalty started with the date of transfer.
- ✘ **NEW** – person must pay for care for the first 2 months and 6 days. Penalty starts with application month.
- ✘ No partial returns allowed for transfers after 1/1/12

HARDSHIP WAIVERS

- ✘ After penalty period is established, the person may prove a hardship has occurred if deprived of:
 - + Food
 - + Shelter
 - + Clothing
 - + Necessary Medical Care, or
 - + Other Necessities of life

HARDSHIP PROCESS

- ✘ Individual is required to prove that actual harm exists
- ✘ Individual is responsible for attempting to recover transferred funds
- ✘ Individual completes Application for Hardship Waiver of a Penalty Period and sends to central office team
- ✘ Other alternatives are reviewed before hardship is granted

BACK MONTH ELIGIBILITY

- ✘ Individuals can be covered for up to 3 months prior to the application month
- ✘ Each month must be reviewed – must be eligible based on assets available on the first of the month
- ✘ Can reduce assets to pay medical bills, purchase an exempt funeral/burial contract or pay up to \$10,000 legal fees related to eligibility for long term care medical assistance

REMAINDER BENEFICIARY

- ✘ The state of Illinois must be named the remainder beneficiary on all:
 - + Promissory Notes
 - + Mortgage Notes (including contract-for-deed)
 - + Annuities
 - + Loans
- ✘ All financial instruments must be disclosed and actuarially sound with evidence of payments in equal installments

OTHER ASSET CHANGES

- ✘ Homestead property limited to \$750,000
- ✘ Self-employment resources limited to \$6,000 except for income-producing farmland and eqpt

QUALIFIED LONG TERM CARE PARTNERSHIP INSURANCE

EFFECTIVE ???

- ✘ Qualifying insurance protects resources up to the value paid out by the policy
- ✘ \$100,000 in payments protects \$100,000 in other assets
- ✘ Waiting on Dept of Insurance rules to implement

INCREASED ALLOWANCES

- ✘ Community Spouse Resource Allowance increases from \$109,560 to \$113,640
- ✘ Community Spouse Maintenance Needs Allowance increases from \$2,739 to \$2,841 per month
- ✘ MIPPA resource limits increase to \$6,940 for 1 person, \$10,410 for a couple