Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter No. 120

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To: **All Medicaid Eligibility Manual Holders**

From: **John B. McCarthy, Director**

Subject: **Medicaid: Children in Receipt of State or Federal Adoption Assistance**

Reason for Change: The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) Office of Families and Children recently provided clarification that a family may continue to receive adoption assistance payments for a child after his or her adoption is finalized and the child is no longer in the custody of a public children services agency (PCSA), private child placing agency (PCPA), or Title IV-E agency.

As a result of the ODJFS clarification, the Ohio Department of Medicaid (ODM) is releasing this notice of required action regarding Medicaid eligibility for children in receipt of state or federal adoption assistance.

Action Required: A child for whom state or federal adoption assistance payments are made should have eligibility for Medicaid determined without regard to family size, income, or resources. This applies to children in the custody of a PCSA, PCPA, Title IV-E agency, or his or her adoptive parent(s). Only the child's income and resources (when applicable) shall be used to determine his or her eligibility for Medicaid.

An Ohio Benefits Worker Portal Announcement is issued with the information contained in this MEPL.

This information is also available on the Ohio Department of Medicaid website and may be accessed at:

Resources > Publications > ODM Guidance > Medicaid Policy > Behavioral Health Eligibility & CHIP > Medicaid Eligibility Procedure Letter (MEPL)

http://medicaid.ohio.gov/RESOURCES/Publications/ODMGuidance.aspx#1535541-medicaid-policy

Training Statement

For further assistance or clarification regarding the processing of specific cases, please contact ODM Eligibility Technical Assistance at Medicaid_Eligibility_TA@Medicaid.Ohio.gov.