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DEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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TO: MEDICAL ASSISTANCE DIVISION AND INCOME SUPPORT DIVISION STAFF

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SUBJECT: ALIEN NAME CHANGE TO NON-CITIZEN; UPDATE TO MAD EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FOR ALIENS (EMSA) FORMS

BACKGROUND

The Medical Assistance Division (MAD) received comments back from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) with a recommendation that MAD policy be updated to change the term “alien” to “non-citizen”. In response to the CMS recommendation MAD updated the term “alien” to “non-citizen” throughout all eligibility and program rules. The Emergency Medical Services for Aliens (EMSA) program is renamed to Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC). The policy changes are effective January 01, 2022. In addition to the policy changes MAD updated manual forms that are not generated out of ASPEN: MAD 307 (Denial of Claims), MAD 308 (Referral for Eligibility Determination for EMSNC), MAD 708 (Outpatient Approval Notice), MAD 800 (Application for COVID Testing). MAD is also issuing a Provider Supplement to inform providers, working with our Third-Party Assessor responsible for EMSNC claim approvals, updating Presumptive Eligibility training, and coordinating changes with Conduent the Omnicaid fiscal agent.

ASPEN

There is a pending ASPEN change request (CR) to change the term “alien” to “non-citizen” on all impacted data collection screens and ASPEN generated notices, particularly the Notice of Case Action (NOCA) and the MAD 778 (Decision for EMSNC Application). The pending ASPEN CR will not be implemented on January 01, 2022, so data collection screens and ASPEN generated forms will not reflect the change to “non-citizen” until the CR is implemented.

YESNM

The term EMSNC is already in YESNM for individuals applying for EMSA coverage. The term “alien” has been changed to “non-citizen” to other YESNM screens.

Income Support Division (ISD) Training

ISD training materials, including all references in the QuikGuide are being updated to reflect the name change from Emergency Medical Services for Aliens (EMSA) to Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC).

The term “alien” will continue to be used to refer to the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) data match used to verify immigration status until the name changes. Also, certain document types formally use the term “alien.” Dropdowns in YESNM and ASPEN will continue to use the term “alien” for these document types until document name changes are made at the federal level.

HSD 100 and MAD 100 Applications

The HSD 100 application is being revised to change EMSA to EMSNC and “Alien Number” to “A-Number”. Corresponding changes to the MAD 100 will be made when the revised HSD 100 application is ready to be released.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The following MAD forms have been updated by the MAD Consumer Education Bureau and have been replaced in the MAD Forms Library.

DELETE MAD 307 dated 2/17/2020 REPLACE MAD 307 dated 1/1/2022	Denial of Claims Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC)
DELETE MAD 308 dated 11/3/2020 REPLACE MAD 308 dated 1/1/2022	Referral for Eligibility Determination Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC)
DELETE MAD 708 dated 10/15/2020 REPLACE MAD 708 dated 1/1/2022	Outpatient Approval Notice Emergency Medical Services for Non-Citizens (EMSNC)
DELETE MAD 800 dated 9/25/2020 REPLACE MAD 800 dated 1/1/2022	Application for COVID-19 Testing