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Subject: Medical Policy Update

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> | County Mental Health Directors |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Area Agencies on Aging | <input type="checkbox"/> | Health Services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Children, Adults and Families | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Seniors and People with Disabilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | County DD Program Managers | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other (please specify): CAF SSP transmittal group |

Message: Effective October 1, several medical policy changes were implemented. A **October 2009 Medical Policy Changes** slideshow was developed that explains the October policy and procedural information as well as CM system coding instructions. The slideshow is available [here](#).

Two quick reference guides are also available: The [CEM & CEC Quick Reference Guide](#) and the [Healthy Kids Policy Changes Quick Reference Guide](#).

Most of the October medical policy changes are to support Healthy Kids, including:

- Implementation of simplified OHP budgeting;
- The elimination of the OHP-CHP resource limit;
- Increase in the OHP-CHP income limit to 201 percent of the Federal Poverty Level;
- Decrease in the OHP-CHP uninsurance waiting period from six to two months;
- Elimination of the 5-year wait for LPR Medicaid children and CHIP children;
- Addition of Medicaid coverage under the 12 month Continued Eligibility for Medicaid (CEM) program for non-CAWEM children under age 19, and
- Addition of coverage for CHIP pregnant women through their pregnancy under the new Continued Eligibility for CHIP Pregnant Women (CEC) program.

For more information about the October medical policy changes, please see the September 15 SS-PT-09-031 [Changes to Healthy Kids, EXT, OHP Reservation List](#) transmittal. Please note that there were last minute policy changes to the Continued Eligibility for CHIP Pregnant Women (CEC) after the SS-PT-09-031 transmittal was

sent.

Making Work Pay Earned Income Exclusion Quick Reference Guide: It's not part of the October policy changes, but a new ***Making Work Pay Earned Income Exclusion*** quick reference guide is available [here](#). The Making Work Pay earned income exclusion was implemented in OAR 461-145-0143 effective September 1. The new exclusion affects all medical programs.

OHP Reservation List Update: The OHP Standard Reservation List is not open to the general public. At this time, only requesters from the 2008 Reservation List who were not selected may choose to be added to the 2009 Reservation List. DMAP hopes to be able to have a random selection of reservations in the near future.

Training: An updated training announcement for SSP, SPD, AAA staff is available [here](#).

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