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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

June 25, 1996

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-14

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility/HIPP, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, Title page, revised; Contents (page 1), revised; Contents (page 2), new; and pages 1 through 39, new.

Summary

This general letter transmits the revised 8-H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*.

The existing chapter VIII-H, *Children In Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, has been reorganized and rewritten to incorporate the Department's updated manual format and writing style. There is no new policy information in this chapter.

Effective Date

August 1, 1996

Material Superseded

Remove all existing pages from the Employees' Manual, Title VIII, Chapter H, and destroy them.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

October 8, 1996

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-15

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility/HIPP, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, pages 18, 19, and 20, revised.

Summary

The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (Public Law 104-193) which was enacted effective August 22, 1996, amends the Social Security Act to remove the prohibition on IV-E funding when a child is placed in a for-profit facility. IV-E funding will be available for Medicaid and maintenance costs beginning October 1, 1996, when a IV-E-eligible child is in a for-profit placement.

The reference to IV-E policy for JCO cases before August 1, 1995, is being removed so the manual reflects only current policy.

Implementation

FACS will generate an Exchange of Information (Report S472N111-01) indicating that the child is now in a IV-E placement. Complete an automatic redetermination for these cases. If appropriate, change the aid type to reflect IV-E eligibility.

Effective Date

October 1, 1996

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, pages 18, 19, and 20, dated June 25, 1996, and Manual Letter No. VIII-H-1, dated June 4, 1996, and destroy them.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

June 10, 1997

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-16

ISSUED BY: Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, page 8, revised.

Summary

Clarification of managed health care removal for children in foster care is provided.

Effective Date

Effective upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, page 8, dated June 25, 1996, and destroy it.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

December 15, 1998

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-17

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Health Care Purchasing and Quality Management
Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, page 8, revised.

Summary

On January 1, 1999, the Department will implement the Iowa Plan for Behavioral Health. The Iowa Plan integrates treatment for mental health and substance abuse and combines two previously separate managed care programs:

- ◆ The Mental Health Access Plan (MHAP).
- ◆ The Iowa Managed Substance Abuse Care Plan (IMSACP).

Effective December 31, 1998, the MHAP and IMSACP programs will be terminated.

Due to the transition from MHAP and IMSACP to the Iowa Plan, page 8 is revised to change references to "MHAP" or "IMSACP" to the "Iowa Plan."

Effective Date

January 1, 1999

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, page 8, dated June 10, 1997, and destroy it.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

February 9, 1999

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-18

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility Services, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, pages 2, 9, 33, and 34, revised.

Summary

Policy has been changed in the length of time a client has to supply information or verification. Current policy requires a client to supply information or verification within five working days. With this change, clients are required to supply information or verification within ten calendar days. This change provides for consistency between Medicaid and food stamp policies.

All references that state that information or verification be provided within five calendar days have been changed to ten calendar days.

Effective Date

Upon receipt of this manual material.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, pages 2, 9, 33, and 34, all dated June 25, 1996, and destroy them.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional administrator.



THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

April 13, 1999

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-19

ISSUED BY: Bureau of , Division of Eligibility, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, page 24, revised.

Summary

MAC policy eliminated the guideline for 100% of the federal poverty level income. It also expanded the eligibility at 133% through age 18.

Effective Date

July 1, 1998

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, page 24, dated June 25, 1996, and destroy it.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit administrator.



THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

March 7, 2000

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-20

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility Services, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, Contents (page 2), revised; page 39, revised, and pages 40 through 45, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to reflect Medicaid policies for children in the new subsidized guardianship program.

Effective Date

April 1, 2000.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, Table of Contents (page 2) and page 39, both dated June 25, 1996, and destroy them.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit administrator.



THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

May 9, 2000

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-21

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility Services, Division of Medical Assistance

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *Foster Care and Subsidized Adoption*, Contents (page 2), revised, and page 39, revised.

Summary

The subsidized guardianship program is no longer available for implementation. This general letter removes the Medicaid policies outlined for subsidized guardianship from the manual.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, the Table of Contents (page 2) and pages 39 through 45, all dated March 7, 2000, and destroy them.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

June 13, 2000

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-22

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility Services, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *FOSTER CARE AND SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION*, pages 23 and 24, revised.

Summary

Page 24 is revised to reflect the increase in the MAC income limit to 200% of the federal poverty level for pregnant women and infants.

Effective Date

July 1, 2000

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, page 23, dated June 25, 1996, and page 24, dated April 13, 1999, and destroy them.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit administrator.



STATE OF IOWA

THOMAS J. VILSACK, GOVERNOR
SALLY J. PEDERSON, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

December 18, 2001

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-23

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility Services, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *FOSTER CARE AND SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION*, page 9, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Remove the reference to form 470-2779, *Foster Care Medicaid Application*, from the chapter.
- ◆ Add the use of the *Health Services Application*, form 470-2927, or 470-2927(S), for all children receiving foster care or subsidized adoption services.

Effective Date

January 1, 2002

Material Superseded

Remove page 9, dated February 9, 1999, from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, and destroy it.

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your regional benefit payment administrator.



February 18, 2005

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-24

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial Support Programs,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, **FOSTER CARE AND SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION**, Title page, revised; Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; and pages 1 through 34, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Remove IV-E eligibility policy from the chapter. IV-E policy is now located in 13-B, **DETERMINING TITLE IV-E ELIGIBILITY**.
- ◆ Reorganize and reformat the chapter:
 - The first section of this chapter gives definitions and an overview of responsibilities and coverage types.
 - The next sections describe policy specific to foster care placements and policy specific to subsidized adoption placements.
 - The final section describes case maintenance policies common to both types.
- ◆ Clarify policy and add examples.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title page	June 25, 1996
Contents (page 1)	June 25, 1996
Contents (page 2)	May 9, 2000
1	June 25, 1996
2	February 9, 1999

3-7	June 25, 1996
8	December 15, 1998
9	December 18, 2001
10-17	June 25, 1996
18, 19, 20	October 8, 1996
21, 22	June 25, 1996
23, 24	June 13, 2000
25-32	June 25, 1996
33, 34	February 9, 1999
35-38	June 25, 1996
39	May 9, 2000

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance supervisor 2.



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

August 17, 2007

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-25

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Medical Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, *FOSTER CARE AND SUBSIDIZED ADOPTION*, Contents (pages 1 and 2), revised; pages 3 through 8, and 22 through 34, revised; and pages 35 and 36, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to add the Medicaid reciprocity for subsidized adoption coverage group.

Effective Date

August 1, 2007.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents (pp. 1, 2)	February 18, 2005
3-8, 22-34	February 18, 2005

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



January 9, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-26

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Medical Supports,
Division of Financial, Health and Work Supports

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, **FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY**, Title page, revised; Contents (page 1 and 2), revised; pages 1 through 36, revised; and pages 37 through 43, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Add New York to the list of states with subsidized adoption Medicaid reciprocity agreements.
- ◆ Add policies on determining Medicaid eligibility for children in subsidized guardianship placements.
- ◆ Incorporate changes related to "Continuous Eligibility for Children" policies.

Effective Date

Upon receipt

Material Superseded

Remove the entire Chapter H from Employees' Manual, Title 8, and destroy it. This includes the following pages:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title page	February 18, 2005
Contents (pages 1, 2)	August 17, 2007
1, 2	February 18, 2005
3-8	August 17, 2007
9-21	February 18, 2005
22-36	August 17, 2007

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



STATE OF IOWA

CHESTER J. CULVER, GOVERNOR
PATTY JUDGE, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES J. KROGMEIER, DIRECTOR

February 5, 2010

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-27

ISSUED BY: Division of Adult, Children, and Family Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, **FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY**, Title page, revised; Contents (pages 1 and 2); revised; pages 1 through 43, revised; and pages 44 through 51, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Clarify that IV-E eligible children must be made automatically eligible for Medicaid without requiring a separate application or annual Medicaid review. However, an application or review form may be requested to gather information needed to determine whether the child is IV-E eligible and to facilitate the child's Medicaid enrollment.
- ◆ Clarify that non-IV-E eligible children with an adoption assistance agreement from a reciprocity state must be made automatically eligible for Medicaid without requiring a separate application. However, an application may be requested to facilitate the child's Medicaid enrollment.
- ◆ Clarify that children are provided Medicaid under the terms of their adoption subsidy agreement even if no adoption subsidy payment is being made.
- ◆ Clarify that if another state opts to extend IV-E eligibility to children receiving foster care, subsidized guardianship, or subsidized adoption up to age 19, 20, or 21, Iowa Medicaid must be provided regardless of Iowa's age limits for providing foster care, subsidized guardianship, or subsidized adoption.
- ◆ Add links to service chapters for additional information about procedures for providing Medicaid for children in interstate cases.

This revision reorganizes some sections of the chapter into a new policy format as follows:

- ◆ The "Policy" section is the Department's official interpretation of a federal law, federal regulation, federal clarification, or state administrative rule. It includes the legal reference. This is the citation of the legal basis for the policy. Policy is brief, and follows the quoted legal citation as closely as possible.
- ◆ A "Procedure" section follows. This provides instruction and procedure for implementing policy. The Procedure section also provides more detail to provide an understanding of the policy's intent.

- ◆ A "Comment" section provides additional related information.
- ◆ Examples are placed at the end of sections when necessary to prevent interruption of the flow.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title page	January 9, 2009
Contents (pages 1 and 2)	January 9, 2009
1-43	January 9, 2009

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.



Iowa Department of Human Services

Terry E. Branstad
Governor

Kim Reynolds
Lt. Governor

Charles M. Palmer
Director

October 28, 2011

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-28

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Financial, Health and Work Supports
Division of Adult, Children and Family Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, ***FOSTER CARE, ADOPTION AND GUARDIANSHIP SUBSIDY***, Title page, revised; and pages 8, 22, 37, and 47, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-H is revised to:

- ◆ Add Nebraska as a Medicaid subsidized adoption reciprocity state.
- ◆ Clarify that a child in foster care more than three months before the month the Medicaid application is filed must be provided state-only Medicaid coverage because federally funded Medicaid cannot cover months before the retroactive period.
- ◆ Remove an obsolete reference to obtaining a review form for IV-E-eligible children.
- ◆ Add a link to grace period policy in the section of the chapter which covers policies and procedures for annual reviews.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title page	February 5, 2010
8, 22, 37, 57	February 5, 2010

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.

May 10, 2019

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-29

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, ***Foster Care, Adoption and Guardianship Subsidy***, Title page, revised; and page 21, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-H is revised to update retroactive eligibility language to reference the change in the definition of "retroactive period" listed in 8-A, *Administration*.

Effective Date

July 1, 2018

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Title page	October 28, 2011
21	February 5, 2010

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.

April 9, 2021

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-30

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, **Foster Care, Adoption, and Guardianship Subsidy**, Contents page 1, revised; Contents page 2, removed; pages 1-7, 8, 9-20, 21, 22, 23-36, 37, 38, revised; 39-46, 47, 48-51, removed.

Summary

Chapter 8-H is revised to:

- ◆ Update the manual to use the correct language and definitions as provided in rules based on the changes in the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
- ◆ Update legal references.
- ◆ Revise manual to bring policy and procedures up-to-date.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8-H, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents page 1	February 5, 2010
Contents page 2	February 5, 2010
1-7	February 5, 2010
8	October 28, 2011
9-20	February 5, 2010
21	May 10, 2019
22	October 28, 2011
23-36	February 5, 2010
37	October 28, 2011
38	February 5, 2010
39-46	February 5, 2010
47	October 28, 2011
48-51	February 5, 2010

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.

March 3, 2023

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-H-3 I

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, **Foster Care, Adoption, and Guardianship Subsidy**, Contents I, I-26, revised; 27-38, removed.

Summary

This chapter is revised to to remove links to the NJAs and to update style and formatting throughout.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

Remove the following pages from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter H, and destroy them:

<u>Page</u>	<u>Date</u>
Contents I	April 9, 2021
I-38	April 9, 2021

Additional Information

Refer questions about this general letter to your area income maintenance administrator.