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DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

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GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-18

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *Aliens*, Title page, revised; Contents page 1, revised; and pages 1 through 32, new.

Summary

This general letter transmits the 8-L, *Aliens*, which contains policy information from VIII-K, *Legalized and Unlawful Aliens*. Also included is alien verification information from VI-H, *Alien Verification*, and "Diagnosis Codes for Emergency Medical Conditions" from VIII-K-Appendix.

There is no new policy information in this rewritten chapter.

The existing chapter VIII-L, *Medicaid for Mothers and Children*, is now in the revised 8-F, *Coverage Groups*.

Effective Date

August 1, 1996

Material Superseded

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

Also obsolete Manual Letter VIII-K-2, "Retroactive Benefits for Seasonal Agricultural Workers, Based on Gonzales vs. Palmer."

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

July 22, 1997

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-19

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *Aliens*, page 15, revised.

Summary

This letter transmits revised interpretation of policy in regard to nonimmigrant alien eligibility for emergency medical services. An alien who meets all eligibility requirements for Medicaid except for alienage and social security number requirements is eligible for emergency medical services.

“All eligibility requirements” includes the financial and categorical requirements of FIP-related or SSI-related coverage groups and state residency requirements. A resident of Iowa is one who is living in Iowa voluntarily with the intention of making that person's home there and **not for a temporary purpose**. (Legal reference: 441 IAC 75.10(2), 41.23(1))

The Immigration and Naturalization Services issues nonimmigrant visas to persons who are not immigrating to the U.S. and who have indicated they are seeking entry for a temporary purpose.

Therefore, nonimmigrants, including students, tourists, and visitors, do not meet state residency rules and are **ineligible** for emergency services.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove for Title 8, Chapter L, page 15, dated June 25, 1996, and destroy it.

Additional Information

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



STATE OF IOWA

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

June 12, 2001

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-20

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, Title page, revised; Contents (page 1), revised; pages 1 through 32, revised; and pages 33 through 45, new.

Summary

This entire chapter on aliens has been revised and reorganized to:

- ◆ Update policies on which alien classifications are eligible for Medicaid in accordance with federal law. The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 (PRWORA), P.L. 104-193, changed Medicaid eligibility for people who are not citizens. Included in this chapter are:
 - The definitions of qualified and non-qualified aliens and
 - An explanation of aliens subject or exempt from the five-year bar under PRWORA.

The previous categories of "lawful permanent residents" and "aliens permanently residing in the United States under the color of law" (PRUCOL) no longer apply.

- ◆ Explain documentation requirements, eligible aliens statuses, verification requirements, and sponsor deeming.
- ◆ Establish that aliens will not become public charges by having "sponsors" who pledge to support them. The sponsor signs an "affidavit of support" agreeing to support an alien as a condition of the alien's admission for permanent residence in the U.S.

Counting the sponsor's income and resources toward the sponsored alien is called "deeming." Before deeming the sponsor's income, you must verify the information provided by the sponsor, including the affidavit of support. Exceptions to deeming for some aliens include:

- Aliens who do not have sponsors.
- Aliens who are considered "battered aliens."
- Aliens who are indigent.
- Aliens who can be credited with 40 qualifying quarters or attain citizenship.

Under new deeming rules, aliens who are sponsored with an *Affidavit of Support*, I-864, effective December 19, 1997, will have all the sponsor's income and resources deemed to them until:

- They become citizens,
 - They can be credited with 40 quarters,
 - The sponsor dies, or
 - The alien leaves the United States.
- ◆ Clarify existing policies and procedures, including the definition of “means-tested public assistance.”
- ◆ Clarify that foreign visitors, such as students, are not eligible to receive emergency medical assistance.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Implementation Instructions

Public Law 104-193 states that certain aliens are exempt from the five-year bar, including those lawfully admitted for permanent residence who have, or can be credited with, 40 qualifying quarters of coverage, or have sufficient earnings through non-covered employment.

The procedure to calculate the established qualifying quarters has changed slightly. Medicaid is specifically being added to the list of programs defined under the phrase “means-tested public assistance.” Starting with January 1, 1997, do not count the income from any quarters during which an alien received FIP, SSI, Medicaid, or food stamps.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Title page | June 25, 1996 |
| Manual Letter 8-L-3 | October 8, 1996 |
| Contents (page 1) | June 25, 1996 |
| 1-14 | June 25, 1996 |
| 15 | July 22, 1997 |
| 16-32 | June 25, 1996 |

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

August 14, 2001

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-21

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, pages 5, 24, 27, 28, and 30, revised; and page 30a, new.

Summary

Page 5 is revised to add that an ineligible adult alien who would be a mandatory member of the eligible group is included in the household size.

Page 24 is revised to change language to be consistent with existing rules. If an ineligible alien has a sponsor, the sponsor's income must be deemed to the alien in order to complete the eligibility determination for Emergency Medical Assistance. This is not a new policy.

Page 27 is revised to correct cross-references and a typographical error.

Page 28 is revised to add that dependents of foreign students who are not otherwise eligible are ineligible for Medicaid.

Page 30 is revised to add suggested wording for a *Notice of Decision* approving emergency medical assistance for the month when the decision is made and it is after timely notice day.

Effective Date

Pages 24 and 27 are effective upon receipt.

Pages 5, 28, and 30, are effective September 1, 2001.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, pages 5, 24, 27, 28, and 30, all dated June 12, 2001, 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

October 23, 2001

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-22

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, pages 24 and 25, revised.

Summary

Page 24 is revised to clarify that a sponsor's income is not used when determining eligibility of the sponsored alien's eligible children.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

Remove from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, page 24, dated August 14, 2001, and page 25, dated June 12, 2001, and destroy it.

Additional Information

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



STATE OF IOWA

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

January 8, 2002

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-23

ISSUED BY: Bureau of Eligibility, Division of Medical Services

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, Contents (page 1), revised; pages 5 and 6, revised; and pages 22a and 22b, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to include an additional "eligible alien" status. A person who is certified as a victim of trafficking by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Refugee Resettlement is eligible for Medicaid to the same extent as a refugee.

The policy transmitted by this General Letter applies only to alien applicants who do not have another "eligible alien" status as required by the Medicaid program when the alien claims to be a "victim of trafficking." If a victim of trafficking obtains another "eligible alien" status, the new eligible alien status is to be used for determining eligibility for that person.

Approximately 50,000 women and children are trafficked into the U.S. each year (along with an unknown number of men). Traffickers force their victims into prostitution, slavery, and forced labor through coercion, threats of physical violence, psychological abuse, torture, and imprisonment. To deter these crimes, and to provide federal and state assistance to victims, the Trafficking Victims Protection Act was passed and signed into law in October 2000.

The Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 names the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) as the only agency that has the authority to certify people as victims of trafficking. The Act provides that victims of trafficking, as certified by ORR, are eligible for public benefits and services to the same extent as refugees.

People who are certified by ORR as victims of trafficking qualify for Medicaid regardless of their immigration status. For the purpose of qualifying for Medicaid, they are to be treated the same as refugees even though they may not have a refugee immigration status.

ORR issues official certification letters to adult victims who are determined by that agency to be victims of trafficking. ORR issues similar letters for children who are determined to be victims of trafficking. The ORR certification letter is proof that the person to whom the letter is issued is eligible for Medicaid to the same extent as if the person had a refugee status.

Effective Date

Upon receipt. No desk reviews of ongoing cases are required.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Contents (page 1) | June 12, 2001 |
| 5 | August 14, 2001 |
| 6 | June 12, 2001 |

Additional Information

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



STATE OF IOWA

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
JESSIE K. RASMUSSEN, DIRECTOR

May 7, 2002

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-24

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, Contents (page 1), revised; pages 31 through 45, revised; and page 46, new.

Summary

This revision updates the diagnosis codes for emergency medical conditions for aliens.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

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| Table of Contents (page 1) | January 8, 2002 |
| 30a | August 14, 2001 |
| 31-45 | June 12, 2001 |

Additional Information

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



STATE OF IOWA

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

May 4, 2004

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-25

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, Contents (page 1), revised;
pages 11, 12, 13, and 18 through 21, revised; and pages 12a, and 12b, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Update the SAVE instructions to use the web site instead of the telephone.
- ◆ Update the qualifying quarters through 2004.

Effective Date

May 1, 2004

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Contents (page 1) | May 7, 2002 |
| 11-13, 18-21 | June 12, 2001 |

Additional Information

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



STATE OF IOWA

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

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

June 16, 2006

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-26

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, *ALIENS*, Title page, revised; Contents (page 1), revised; and pages 1 through 37, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to update, remove, or clarify policies on the following:

- ◆ Legal references
- ◆ Definitions
- ◆ Acceptable documentation of alien status
- ◆ Citizenship of children born outside the U.S.
- ◆ Earnings needed per quarter for 2005
- ◆ A person over age 18 can use their parents quarters of work
- ◆ Affidavit of support
- ◆ Examples
- ◆ Emergency services
- ◆ Derivative T Visa that may be held by a victim of trafficking
- ◆ Diagnosis codes
- ◆ INS name and address change

The terms "alien" and "immigrant" are used interchangeably.

Effective Date

Effective July 1, 2006, use the new form 470-4299, *Verification of Emergency Health Care Services*, instead of the diagnosis codes. The diagnosis codes have been removed from the chapter.

All other changes are effective upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

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| Title page | June 12, 2001 |
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| 7-10 | June 12, 2001 |
| 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 13 | May 4, 2004 |
| 14-17 | June 12, 2001 |
| 18-21 | May 4, 2004 |
| 22 | June 12, 2001 |
| 22a, 22b | January 8, 2002 |
| 23 | June 12, 2001 |
| 24, 25 | October 23, 2001 |
| 26 | June 12, 2001 |
| 27, 28 | August 14, 2001 |
| 29 | June 12, 2001 |
| 30 | August 14, 2001 |
| 31-46 | May 7, 2002 |

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
KEVIN W. CONCANNON, DIRECTOR

May 16, 2008

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-27

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Title page, revised;
Contents (page 1), revised; pages 1 through 37, revised, and pages 38,
39, and 40, new.

Summary

Existing content in this manual chapter has been reorganized to make the policies simpler to understand and to make related policies easier to cross-reference. The word "immigrant" is changed to "alien" throughout the chapter for consistency.

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Make the following changes regarding the Alien Documentation Chart:
 - Note that the documents listed are those most typically seen, but that other documents not listed may also be acceptable.
 - Remove the "LB-1" annotation to Form I-551, *Permanent Resident Card*, from the list of expected annotations under Cuban/Haitian entrants for persons who have adjusted to lawful permanent resident status.
 - Note under lawful permanent residents that Form I-551 with listed annotations indicates the person entered the U.S. under another status and later adjusted to lawful permanent resident. When this occurs, the person's eligibility is determined based on the original status upon entry to the U.S.
 - Add that some family members of the persons listed under "veterans or active duty personnel" are also included.
- ◆ Make the following changes to procedures for verifying citizenship:
 - Clarify the time limits allowed for aliens to provide documentation of their status.
 - Correct the mailing address to use when submitting form G-845(S), *Document Verification Request*, and form G-845, *Supplement to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services*, to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (CIS).
 - Make the instructions for verifying citizenship of children born outside the U.S. consistent with policies found in 8-C, **Citizenship**, and include a primary reference.

- ◆ Make the following changes in relation to the five-year bar:
 - Move the reference to conditional entrants out of section, "Aliens Subject to Five-Year Bar," and place it in section, " Aliens Exempt from Five-Year Bar," since these aliens, by definition, entered the U.S. before August 22, 1996.
 - Remove a reference indicating that only aliens who entered legally before August 22, 1996, are exempt from the five-year bar.
 - Instruct workers to contact SPIRS for assistance in determining whether an alien who entered before August 22, 1996, but obtained a qualified status on or after that date is exempt from the five-year bar.

- ◆ Make the following changes to policy on determining qualifying quarters:
 - Update the qualifying quarters chart through 2008.
 - Clarify the time limits allowed for aliens to provide verification of qualifying quarters.
 - Include W-2s among the documents used to verify qualifying quarters.
 - Clarify that limited Medicaid for emergency services does not count as receipt of "means-tested public assistance" when calculating 40 qualifying quarters.
 - Clarify that a quarter in which a parent did not receive Medicaid, but was a considered person for a Medicaid eligibility group, does count as receipt of "means-tested public assistance." Therefore, the parent's earnings from that quarter cannot be included when calculating the 40 qualifying quarters.
 - Add examples to make clear what earnings to include when calculating qualifying quarters in a year in which a person married or turned age 18.
 - Clarify that, upon divorce, quarters earned by a spouse or stepparent during marriage are lost only if the person has not already been credited with the 40 quarters in a Medicaid eligibility determination.

- ◆ Change policy on deeming a sponsor's income to:
 - Clarify that sponsor deeming applies only to certain lawful permanent residents and better define the categories of lawful permanent residents that are not subject to sponsor deeming.
 - Clarify that although the Form I-361, *Affidavit of Support*, is an enforceable affidavit of support, sponsor deeming does not apply to persons with this version of the support affidavit.
 - Reflect that deemed income from a sponsor is used when determining eligibility for anyone in the sponsored person's eligible group, as determined by existing policies on eligible group composition.
 - Remove an example calling for two separate cases to be set up when the household members include both a sponsored eligible alien and U.S. citizens, because this procedure is no longer applicable.

- Require that the existence of a sponsor be verified for any applicant, member, or considered person who became a lawful permanent resident on or after December 19, 1997, unless that person is exempt from sponsor deeming.
 - Change the process for providing evidence of sponsorship to utilize existing features of the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlement (SAVE) system to verify sponsorship rather than wait for the person to obtain this evidence from CIS when a person subject to sponsor deeming does not have Form I-864, *Affidavit of Support*.
- ◆ Make the following changes regarding eligibility for limited emergency services:
- Note that sponsor deeming does not apply when determining eligibility only for limited Medicaid for emergency services.
 - Clarify that any previous noncooperation must be cured as required by the coverage group under which the person would be eligible for emergency services.
 - Note that either the provider or the provider's designee may sign the *Verification of Emergency Health Care Services*, form 470-4299, and add instructions pertaining to the use of this form to allow payment of claims for multiple emergencies within the same month.
 - Clarify how limited Medicaid for emergency services coverage is handled when eligibility does or does not span two months, including the effect on a medically needy certification period and spenddown.
 - Add the Spanish translation to use when manually issuing a notice of decision for limited Medicaid for emergency services coverage.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Implementation instructions

For existing cases, apply these policies with timely notice when the next change or annual review is processed. Do not establish an overpayment for benefits already received.

Material Superseded

Remove the entire Chapter L from Employees' Manual, Title 8, and destroy it. This includes the Title page, Contents pages 1 and 2, and pages 1 through 37, all dated June 16, 2006.

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
EUGENE I. GESSOW, DIRECTOR

November 7, 2008

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-28

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 1, 2, 4 through
13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26 through 33, and 35, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Update the password requirements for the SAVE system.
- ◆ Provide information about the alien status of persons from the Compact of Free Association States (Marshall Islands, Micronesia, and Palau). These persons are **not** U.S. citizens or nationals. Although they are allowed to enter and work in the U.S. without obtaining an immigration status, they are not eligible for Medicaid unless they obtain a qualified alien status. They may be eligible for limited Medicaid for emergency services.
- ◆ Explain what documentation is required to verify that a child's citizenship was derived automatically through the Child Citizenship Act.
- ◆ Update the qualifying quarters chart through 2009.
- ◆ Update the phone number for the trafficking verification line.
- ◆ Clarify that a sponsored alien who does not live with their sponsor is still subject to sponsor deeming, if deeming is otherwise applicable.
- ◆ Change all reference from "CIS" to USCIS" to match how this agency is abbreviated in Family Investment Program (FIP) and Food Assistance (FA) manuals.
- ◆ Correct some technical errors on several page tops.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

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| 1, 2, 4-13, 15, 17, 18, 20, 22-24, 26-33, 35 | May 16, 2008 |

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

May 22, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-29

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Title page, revised;
Contents (page 1), revised; pages 1 through 40, revised; and pages 41
through 51, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Add information about how to determine eligibility for Iraqi or Afghani special immigrants. These special immigrants are classified as lawful permanent residents (LPRs) but are exempt from the five-year bar during a time-limited initial period from their date of entry with special immigrant status or their conversion to special immigrant status.
- ◆ Add "Victims of trafficking" to the "Alien Documentation Chart."
- ◆ Change how to determine if a sponsored alien is exempt from sponsor deeming due to indigence and provide examples.
- ◆ Add exemptions from sponsor deeming for SSI-related Medicaid when:
 - An alien becomes blind or disabled after admission to the U.S. as a lawful permanent resident.
 - A sponsored alien admitted for lawful permanent residence has been in the U.S for three years.
- ◆ Allow deductions from the income and resources of a sponsor when determining the amount that will be deemed to the sponsored alien.
- ◆ Add legal references and make other technical corrections.

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

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

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| 16 | May 16, 2008 |
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| 25 | May 16, 2008 |
| 26-33 | November 7, 2008 |
| 34 | May 16, 2008 |
| 35 | November 7, 2008 |
| 36-40 | May 16, 2008 |

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

June 19, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-30

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Contents (page 1),
revised; and pages 5, 11, 17 through 29, and 40, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Make a clarification and correction to the policy released in May 2009 on determining if a sponsored alien is exempt from sponsor deeming due to indigence. In determining whether the indigence exemption applies, the gross income of the sponsored person's household is compared to the federal poverty level and there is no resource test.
- ◆ Add children under the age of 19 in lawful permanent resident (LPR) alien status to the list of aliens who are exempt from the five-year bar. Beginning July 1, 2009, these LPR children will no longer be barred from participation in Medicaid during the first five years in LPR status. If they are otherwise eligible, they may receive Medicaid coverage regardless of their date of entry to the U.S.

LPR status for these children must be verified according to current procedures for verifying alien status:

- At application, and
- At each annual review.

Attempt to use the documentation presented at application to verify the child's continued LPR status. If additional documentation is needed, the household must provide proof of continued LPR status. When continued LPR status cannot be verified, the child may be eligible for limited Medicaid for emergency services only.

Once an LPR child has lived in the U.S. for five years, the child may continue to receive Medicaid if otherwise eligible.

Effective Date

Exemption of LPR children under age 19 from the five-year bar is effective July 1, 2009. The correction in the determination of the indigence exemption is effective immediately.

Implementation Instructions

For existing FMAP-related cases, inform the household of the LPR child's possible eligibility at the next contact with the family and no later than the next annual review.

When the household asks to add the child to the eligible group and the child meets all eligibility requirements including verification of current LPR status, add the child effective the first day of the month in which the request to add the child is made.

Provide retroactive coverage in accordance with existing policies. Retroactive coverage for months before July 2009 is not available to children eligible under this provision.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Contents (p. 1) | May 22, 2009 |
| 5, 11, 17-29, 40 | May 22, 2009 |

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

November 27, 2009

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-31

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Contents (page 1),
pages 5, 6, 7, 10, and 13 through 49, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Add instructions on system coding required when approving Medicaid for lawful permanent resident (LPR) alien children under the age of 19 who are eligible without regard to the five-year bar.

When approving Medicaid for a child who has held LPR status less than five years, the child's date of entry as an LPR must be entered in the LPR DT field on the child's TD03 screen in the Automated Benefit Calculation (ABC) system. This coding is required to ensure correct federal funding and to automate eligibility recalculation when the child reaches age 19.

- ◆ Revise procedures for Iraqi/Afghan special immigrants to:
 - Align more closely with the Family Investment and Food Assistance programs in allowing full certification periods for special immigrants if a tickler is used to track the end of the eight-month eligibility period.
 - Explain that, at the end of the eight-month special immigrant eligibility period, Medicaid continues for LPR children under age 19. When the eight-month special immigrant period ends, the child's date of entry to the U.S. with LPR status must be entered in the LPR DT field to ensure correct funding and tracking of these children's Medicaid.
- ◆ Revise the section on the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system to:
 - Add hyperlinks to sections explaining when SAVE must be used.
 - Remove technical instructions on using SAVE, because these instructions have been moved to <http://dhsintranet/field/asp/documents/IM/SAVEInstructions.pdf>
 - Clarify that SAVE is **not** to be used when an alien claims to be undocumented or provides acceptable documentation of an eligible or ineligible alien status.

- ◆ Revise procedures for alien status verification requirements to:
 - List in one section all situations when SAVE must be used.
 - Add an annual review for a child under age 19 who has been in LPR status less than five years as a situation when SAVE must be used to attempt to verify the child's continued LPR status.
- ◆ Clarify that a one-month certification period under Medically Needy for limited emergency services is applicable for ongoing eligibility but does not override policies found in 8-J, [MEDICALLY NEEDED](#), on retroactive eligibility certification periods.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Contents (page 1) | June 19, 2009 |
| 5 | June 19, 2009 |
| 6, 7, 10, 13-16 | May 22, 2009 |
| 17-29 | June 19, 2009 |
| 30-51 | May 22, 2009 |

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

April 16, 2010

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-32

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Contents (page 1),
revised; pages 1 through 19 and 28 through 46, revised; and pages 18a
through 18e, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Change policy to reflect that Iraqi/Afghan special immigrants are now eligible for Medicaid to the same extent as refugees. They are no longer subject to a limited eight-month initial period of eligibility, nor are they subject to the five-year bar.
- ◆ Make several changes related to new categories of "lawfully residing" alien children under the age of 21 who are now qualified aliens. These changes include:
 - Updating the definition of "qualified alien," adding a definition of "lawfully residing," and noting in the definition of "nonimmigrant" that some nonimmigrant children under age 21 are now lawfully residing qualified aliens.
 - Changing policy to reflect that children under age 21 who are citizens of the Compact of Free Association States (CFAS) may be eligible for Medicaid as qualified aliens.
 - Adding lawfully residing immigrants or nonimmigrants to the categories of aliens included in the Alien Documentation Chart.
 - Noting that children in these lawfully residing categories must have their alien status verified at each annual review.
- ◆ Update multiple chapter references to reflect that all children under age 21 who are qualified aliens for Medicaid are now exempt from the five-year bar.
- ◆ Make technical corrections to reflect that lifting the five-year bar for alien children applies to all children under age 21 rather than only to children under age 19.
- ◆ Clarify that the requirement to verify continued alien status at annual review for children under age 21 extends to children in either battered alien or parolee statuses.
- ◆ Change policy to reflect that sponsor deeming no longer applies to any lawfully permanent resident (LPR) child under the age of 21. However, sponsor deeming for adult members of the eligible group will still affect Medicaid eligibility for children.

- ◆ Reflect a change to a question asked on form 470-4299, *Verification of Emergency Health Care Services*. This change clarifies that coverage for a single emergency is always limited to three days, and additional coverage for the same emergency cannot be provided regardless of whether the same emergency was treated earlier in the same month or in a different month.

Effective Date

The changes ending time-limited eligibility for Iraqi/Afghan special immigrants were effective December 19, 2009. Refer to the SPIRS announcement "Iraqi/Afghan Special Immigrants" (1/21/2010) for additional information, including reinstatement effective January 1, 2010, for persons canceled because their eight-month period ended in December 2009.

The changes on lifting the five-year bar for all children under age 21 and adding new categories of "lawfully residing" alien children under age 21 were effective July 1, 2009. Refer to General Letter 8-L-30 (June 2009) and the SPIRS announcement, "Medicaid for Alien Children," (November 24, 2009) for additional information.

The related change exempting all children under age 21 from sponsor deeming is also effective retroactive to July 1, 2009. Restore Medicaid if you become aware of a case that was adversely affected by sponsor deeming to a child under age 21.

All other changes are effective upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|
| Contents (page 1) | November 27, 2009 |
| 1-4 | May 22, 2009 |
| 5-7 | November 27, 2009 |
| 8 | May 22, 2009 |
| 9, 10 | November 27, 2009 |
| 11 | June 19, 2009 |
| 12 | May 22, 2009 |
| 13-19, 28-49 | November 27, 2009 |

Additional Information

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



STATE OF IOWA

TERRY E. BRANSTAD, GOVERNOR
KIM REYNOLDS, LT. GOVERNOR

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
CHARLES M. PALMER, DIRECTOR

May 13, 2011

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-33

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Title page, revised;
Contents (page 1), revised; pages 1 through 46, revised; and pages 47
through 54, new.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to:

- ◆ Update the definition of "lawfully residing" alien children under the age of 21 who are qualified aliens. The updates reflect a broadening of the federal definition of "lawfully residing" to include nearly all categories of alien children who are in the U.S. legally and have not violated the terms of their alien status.
- ◆ Clarify that "lawfully residing" alien children under the age of 21 must still meet all other eligibility factors, including state residency requirements, in order to qualify for Medicaid.
- ◆ Add an example to illustrate who is eligible when a household includes some aliens under age 21 and some aliens aged 21 or over in a "lawfully residing" status.
- ◆ Update the address link for accessing the Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE) system and instructions.
- ◆ Update the qualifying quarters chart through 2011.
- ◆ Correct the Alien Documentation Chart to reflect the types of acceptable documentation of alien status that may be used for lawful permanent residents who are veterans or active-duty military personnel.
- ◆ Make a technical correction to the date in March 2009 that Afghan special immigrant policy changed.
- ◆ Clarify that having 40 qualifying quarters does NOT end the five-year bar for an alien who is subject to the five-year bar.
- ◆ Make a technical change to the definition of "emergency medical condition."
- ◆ Clarify and add examples to illustrate that limited emergency Medicaid is available to aliens who are not eligible for full Medicaid due to "lawfully residing" or other nonqualified alien status.

Effective Date

The changes broadening the definition of “lawfully residing” alien children under age 21 are effective retroactively to July 1, 2009. If you become aware of a child who was adversely affected by the more narrow definition, restore Medicaid.

All other changes are effective upon receipt.

Implementation

Participants: For an alien previously exempted from the five-year bar due to having 40 qualifying quarters, redetermine eligibility and cancel Medicaid, if applicable, when the next action is taken on the case, but no later than at the next annual review.

Applicants: Apply the changes to the 40-qualifying-quarters policy when processing applications that will be effective June 1, 2011, or later eligibility for households with an alien member.

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following pages from Employees’ Manual, Title 8, Chapter L:

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| Title page | May 13, 2009 |
| Contents (page 1) | April 16, 2010 |
| 1-18, 18a-18e, 19 | April 16, 2010 |
| 20-27 | November 27, 2009 |
| 28-46 | April 16, 2010 |

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

November 18, 2011

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-34

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, Title page, revised; and pages 43 and 46, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to reflect the 2012 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 3.6% effective January 1, 2012.

Effective Date

January 1, 2012

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Title page | May 13, 2011 |
| 43, 46 | May 13, 2011 |

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

January 13, 2012

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-35

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 through 19, 35, 48, 49, and 51, revised; and page 2a, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Clarify and add examples to explain that:
 - Nonimmigrants may be eligible for Medicaid or for limited Medicaid for emergency services if they meet Iowa residency requirements, and
 - A residency determination cannot be based solely on a person's alien status.
- ◆ Update the qualifying quarters chart through 2012.
- ◆ Clarify that payment may be made for covered services for an alien who requires emergency medical care more than once in a calendar month, *or in different months*, provided that the medical care is for a different emergency not related to the previous emergency.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------------------|--------------|
| 1-4, 10-19, 35, 48, 49, 51 | May 13, 2011 |

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 5, 2012

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-36

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 17, 26, 27, 28, 35 through 41, 48, and 49, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to:

- ◆ Clarify that alien status may not be used to determine a person is not an Iowa resident. If a person's residency is questionable because of a particular alien status, determine residency in accordance with policies found at 8-C, Residency, and Intent to Live in Iowa.
- ◆ Add an exception to the category of aliens currently in deferred action status under the definition of "lawfully residing." This exception applies to aliens approved for deferred action status under the Department of Homeland Security's new Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) process.
- ◆ Clarify that proof of application for a social security number (SSN) remains sufficient for the purposes of establishing Medicaid eligibility even if the SSN application is denied because the person is not eligible to receive a SSN or may only be issued a SSN for a valid non-work reason.
- ◆ Clarify that a U Visa (or Code A19 or A20 on the *Employment Authorization Document*) is an indication that a person might be either a victim of trafficking or a battered alien. If an adult provides a U visa (or EAD with code A19 or A20), follow up to find out if they are either a victim of trafficking or a battered alien. (A child under age 21 with a U visa or code A19 or A20 on the EAD is a qualified alien under the definition of "lawfully residing.")
- ◆ Simplify language and make minor technical changes.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| 1, 2, 3, 4 | January 13, 2012 |
| 5 | May 13, 2011 |
| 17 | January 13, 2012 |
| 26-28 | May 13, 2011 |
| 35 | January 13, 2012 |
| 36-41 | May 13, 2011 |
| 48, 49 | January 13, 2012 |

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

January 25, 2013

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-37

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 35, 43, and 46,
revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to reflect the 2013 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 1.7% effective January 1, 2013.

Effective Date

January 1, 2013

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| 35 | October 5, 2012 |
| 43, 46 | November 18, 2011 |

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

January 24, 2014

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-38

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 35, 43, 45, 46,
and 48, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to:

- ◆ Reflect the 2014 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 1.5% effective January 1, 2014.
- ◆ Remove references to the IowaCare program.

Effective Date

January 1, 2014

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|------------------|
| 35, 43 | January 25, 2013 |
| 45 | May 13, 2011 |
| 46 | January 25, 2013 |
| 48 | October 5, 2012 |

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

July 17, 2015

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-39

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 9, 11, 18, 32, 35, 43, 46, 48, and 50 through 53, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Reflect the 2015 Social Security cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) increase of 1.7% effective January 1, 2015.
- ◆ Reflect that limited Medicaid for emergency services exists for the duration of the treatment for the emergency and cannot be limited to only three days of emergency coverage.
- ◆ Update links due to the Department's new website.

Effective Date

Upon receipt.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|----------------|------------------|
| 9 | May 13, 2011 |
| 11, 18 | January 13, 2012 |
| 32 | May 13, 2011 |
| 35, 43, 46, 48 | January 24, 2014 |
| 50 | May 13, 2011 |
| 51 | January 13, 2012 |
| 52, 53, 54 | May 13, 2011 |

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

January 1, 2016

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-40

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, page 35, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to reflect the increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for social security benefits.

Effective Date

January 1, 2016

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following page from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L:

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| 35 | July 17, 2015 |

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

March 17, 2017

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-41

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **ALIENS**, pages 35, 43, and 46,
revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to:

- ◆ Reflect the increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for social security benefits, and
- ◆ The 0.3% Social Security cost-of-living increase.

Effective Date

January 1, 2017

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following page from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L:

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|-----------------|
| 35 | January 1, 2016 |
| 43, 46 | July 17, 2015 |

Additional Information

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



Iowa Department of Human Services

Kim Reynolds
Governor

Adam Gregg
Lt. Governor

Jerry R. Foxhoven
Director

February 16, 2018

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-42

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

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **Aliens**, pages 11, 35, 43, and 46, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to:

- ◆ Reflect the increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for social security benefits, and
- ◆ The 2.0 percent Social Security cost-of-living increase.

Effective Date

January 1, 2018

Material Superseded

This material replaces the following page from Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L:

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| 11 | July 17, 2015 |
| 35, 43, 46 | March 17, 2017 |

Additional Information

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

May 10, 2019

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-43

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **Medicaid Aliens**, Title page, revised; and pages 7, 35, 43, 46, and 53, revised.

Summary

Chapter 8-L is revised to:

- ◆ Reflect the increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for social security benefits.
- ◆ Reflect the 2.8 percent Social Security cost-of-living increase.
- ◆ Update retroactive eligibility language to reference the change in the definition of "retroactive period" listed in 8-A, Administration.

Effective Date

July 1, 2018, for changing the definition of retroactive period.

January 1, 2019, for COLA changes.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------|-------------------|
| Title page | November 18, 2011 |
| 7 | May 13, 2011 |
| 35, 43, 46 | February 16, 2018 |
| 53 | July 17, 2015 |

Additional Information

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

April 16, 2021

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-44

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **Medicaid Aliens**, Contents Page 1, page 1 and 2, revised; 2a, removed; 3-5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12-16, 17, 18, 19, 20-25, 26-28, 29-31, 32, 33 and 34, 35, 36-41, 42, 43, revised; 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50-52, 53, removed.

Summary

Chapter 8-L 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.
- ◆ Add new policy related to full Medicaid eligibility with no 5-year bar for adults from the Compact of Free Association (COFA) States.
- ◆ Clarify that electronic data matching is the primary method of verification when possible, including that Eligibility Indicators returned by the Verify Lawful Presence (VLP) service is the primary source used to verify and determine alien status.
- ◆ Add 90-Day Reasonable Opportunity Period (ROP) policy for eligible aliens, including that a new ROP must be allowed each time the person is required to verify eligible alien status.
- ◆ Add details regarding determining status for a victim of trafficking.
- ◆ Revise sponsor deeming policies, including that sponsor deeming can apply to individuals of any age and that deemed income and/or resources only impact the sponsored alien(s) but not others in their household.
- ◆ Simplify how sponsor deemed income is calculated by making the allowable deductions for sponsor deeming the same for both MAGI-related and NonMAGI-related coverage groups.

Effective Date

Immediately.

Material Superseded

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

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| Contents Page 1 | May 13, 2011 |
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| 2a | January 13, 2012 |
| 3-5 | October 5, 2012 |
| 6 | May 13, 2011 |
| 7 | May 10, 2019 |
| 8 | May 13, 2011 |
| 9 | July 17, 2015 |
| 10 | January 13, 2012 |
| 11 | February 16, 2018 |
| 12-16 | January 13, 2012 |
| 17 | October 5, 2012 |
| 18 | July 17, 2015 |
| 19 | January 13, 2012 |
| 20-25 | May 13, 2011 |
| 26-28 | October 5, 2012 |
| 29-31 | May 13, 2011 |
| 32 | July 17, 2015 |
| 33 and 34 | May 13, 2011 |
| 35 | May 10, 2019 |
| 36-41 | October 5, 2012 |
| 42 | May 13, 2011 |
| 43 | May 10, 2019 |
| 44 | May 13, 2011 |
| 45 | January 24, 2014 |
| 46 | May 10, 2019 |
| 47 | May 13, 2011 |
| 48 | July 17, 2015 |
| 49 | October 5, 2012 |
| 50-52 | July 17, 2015 |
| 53 | May 10, 2019 |

Additional Information

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

April 22, 2022

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-45

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid Enterprise

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **Medicaid Aliens**, Contents Page 1, pages 1, 4-8, 12, 14 and 15, 17-26, 34-37, revised.

Summary

This chapter is revised to:

- ◆ Update legal references.
- ◆ Update public charge-related definitions.
- ◆ Clarify material related to attestation of eligible immigration status.
- ◆ Update content for Iraqi and Afghan Special Immigrants.
- ◆ Add new content for Afghan Parolees.
- ◆ Update time limits for Victims of Trafficking.
- ◆ Add clarifying content for COFA migrants who adjust to LPR status.
- ◆ Add "lawfully residing" child under age 21 to the list of individuals exempt from sponsor deeming.
- ◆ Make COLA-related updates to qualifying quarters and examples.
- ◆ Make a technical correction to the calculation of deemed sponsor income description.
- ◆ Reflect increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for Social Security benefits.
- ◆ Reflect the 5.9% Social Security cost of living increase.

Effective Date

Immediately

Material Superseded

The following material is removed from Title 8, Chapter L.

| <u>Page</u> | <u>Date</u> |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| Contents 1 | April 16, 2021 |
| 1, 4-8, 12, 14 and 15, 17-26, 34-37 | April 16, 2021 |

Additional Information

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

May 12, 2023

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-46

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **Medicaid Aliens**, Title Page, Contents I, I, 2 and 3, 4-8, 9-11, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 16, 17 and 18, 19, 20-26, 27-33, 34-35, revised; 37, 38-43, removed.

Summary

This chapter is revised to

- Reflect the increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for social security benefits.
- Reflect the 8.7 percent Social Security cost-of-living increase.
- Update style and formatting throughout.

Effective Date

January 1, 2023.

Material Superseded

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

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| Title Page | May 10, 2019 |
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| 14 and 15 | April 22, 2022 |
| 16 | April 16, 2021 |
| 17 and 18 | April 22, 2022 |
| 19 | April 16, 2021 |
| 20-26 | April 22, 2022 |
| 27-33 | April 16, 2021 |
| 34-37 | April 22, 2022 |
| 38-43 | April 16, 2021 |

Additional Information

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

March 8, 2024

GENERAL LETTER NO. 8-L-47

ISSUED BY: Iowa Medicaid

SUBJECT: Employees' Manual, Title 8, Chapter L, **Medicaid Aliens**, Contents I, I-35, revised; 36 and 37, new.

Summary

This chapter is revised to

- Reflect the increase in earnings required to qualify for a quarter of coverage for social security benefits.
- Reflect the 3.2 percent Social Security cost-of-living increase.
- Update “Qualified Alien” to include Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees & non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine and received humanitarian parole.
- Update “Aliens Exempt from Five-Year Bear” to include Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees & non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine and received humanitarian parole.
- Add P.L. 117-128 Section 401 policy information regarding Ukrainian Humanitarian Parolees (UHP) and non-Ukrainian individuals who last habitually resided in Ukraine and received humanitarian parole; including acceptable documentation chart.

Effective Date

January 1, 2024 for COLA changes, all other changes effective immediately.

Material Superseded

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

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| Contents I | May 12, 2023 |
| I-35 | May 12, 2023 |

Additional Information

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