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FROM: KEVIN M. MCGUIRE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FIA
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RE: CONTINUING CURRENT MCHP RESTRICTIONS FOR
    EMPLOYER-BASED INSURANCE COVERAGE

PROGRAM AFFECTED: MCHP, MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

ORIGINATING OFFICE: OFFICE OF ELIGIBILITY SERVICES

SUMMARY:

Questions have been raised regarding “anti-crowd-out” provisions in the CHIP program. These provisions deny eligibility for P13 and P14 if a child is covered by employer-based health insurance or if the family has voluntarily dropped employer-based coverage within the last 6 months. Current rules continue in effect.

Current rules are found in the MCHP Manual, Section 600, Subsection G (“Health Insurance”), pages 600-13—600-14 (MR 17 issued August, 2005). Case Managers are to continue applying current rules with respect to employer-based insurance and voluntary termination of such coverage.

INQUIRIES:

Please direct MA policy questions to the DHMH Division of Eligibility Policy, and MCHP questions to the DHMH MCHP Division, both at (410) 767-1463 or 1-800-492-5231 (select option 2 and request extension 1463), and CARES questions to Debbie Simon at (410) 238-1363.
cc:   DHR Executive Staff  
      DHMH Executive Staff  
      FIA Management Staff  
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Attachment: MCHP Manual extract