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**Policy Memo**

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| <b>KHPA POLICY NO: 2009-08-02</b>                | <b>From: Jeanine Schieferecke</b>  |
| <b>Date: August 20, 2009</b>                     | <b>KFMAM Reference: 2045</b><br><b>KEESM Reference: 1322.1(5), 2145.2 and Appendix Item A-12</b> |
| <b>RE: Citizenship and Identity Verification</b> | <b>Program(s): All Medical</b>   |

This memo implements new citizenship and identity verification provisions. These changes are mandated by the Children’s Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act of 2009 (CHIPRA). These policies are effective immediately and shall be applicable for all cases processed on or after issuance of this memo.

The policy information can be found in KEESM Appendix item A-12 and KFMAM 2320.

**A. Citizenship And Identity Verification For Members Of An Indian Tribe**

Additional verification items satisfy citizenship and identify verification requirements. Documentation of affiliation with a federally –recognized Indian tribe shall serve as a Primary document. The verification item must be issued by the tribe and must display evidence of membership, enrollment, or affiliation with the federally- recognized Indian tribe. Such documents are considered a primary document, and verify both citizenship and identity. A second document is not required.

Examples of documents are a tribal enrollment card or certificate of degree of Indian blood. Other documents may also be acceptable, as determined on a case-by-case basis.

Attachment A of this memo provides a list of the federally-recognized Indian tribes. If a document is provided from an Indian tribe that has an International border, tribal membership may include members born outside the United States. When a document is presented from a tribe with an international border, the document shall be referred to KHPA Policy where it will be reviewed to determine if the individual was born in the United States.

## **B. Citizenship and Identity Verification for Continuously Eligible Newborns**

A newborn born to a Medicaid recipient mother as outlined in KFMAM 2320 is declared to meet citizenship and identity requirements and is now exempt from further verification requirements. Previously, such newborns were exempt from these requirements for the first year of life only. Citizenship and identity verification requirements are considered met for all future eligibility. This child will never be required to provide verification of citizenship or identity.

When approving eligibility for a deemed newborn, a PRAP code of IM shall be entered on KAECSES to identify that they have met the citizenship and identity verification requirements.

All children born to a Medicaid mother on or after July 1, 2006 are included in this population. If a request for coverage is received for a child who was born to a Medicaid mom on July 1, 2006 or later, the child shall be coded IM on PRAP and documents are not needed.

## **C. Conclusion**

Because these instructions are issued prior to the next scheduled update of the Kansas Family Medical Assistance Manual (KFMAM) and the Kansas Economic and Employment Support Manual (KEESM), the changes in this memo override KFMAM 2045 and KEESM 1322.1(5) and KEESM 2145.2. These manuals will be updated in future revisions.

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