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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this memo is to inform eligibility sites of two new income interfaces implemented in the Colorado Benefits Management Systems (CBMS). The two new interfaces will verify earned income for the Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) programs.

Information:

The Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid program) and Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) programs accept self-attestation of earned income to determine eligibility for an applicant. An individual is not required to provide documentation of earned income unless the self-attestation of income cannot be verified electronically, or the information verified electronically is not reasonably compatible. Applicants/members who declare wage information must have a Social Security Number (SSN) on file in order for their wage information to be verified electronically. Individuals who do not provide a SSN or who cannot be verified electronically through the income interfaces, such as applicant/member who works out of state, are still required to provide proof of their wage information. Individuals who are self-employed will still need to provide their current ledger information either on the application for Medical Assistance or in the form of profit and loss statement or ledger.

The member eligibility system, CBMS, has established two new allowable income interfaces in CBMS for Medical Assistance programs. The Department added the Federal Data Services Hub (FDSH) and Equifax The Work Number (TWN) to verify income and employment information for individuals applying for and who are receiving benefits. The income received through the FDSH and Equifax TWN will provide up to date pay period data direct from employers. The member eligibility system, CBMS, will continue

to utilize the Income Eligibility Verification System (IEVS) through the Colorado Department of Labor. The IEVS wage information will be used when income cannot be verified through the FDSH or Equifax TWN. The information available through IEVS will continue to contain wages from the previous quarter. These income interfaces are specifically for Medical Assistance programs.

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