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MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY MANUAL LETTER NO.: 112

TO: All Holders of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual
All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers
All County Medi-Cal Program Specialists/Liaisons

Enclosed is Article 8D to the procedures portion of the Medi-Cal Eligibility Manual.

Procedure Revision

Description

1. Article 8D

Medi-Cal Family Budget Unit Determination - Caretaker Relative
-- Added to provide a detailed description of the procedures
counties are to follow when determining Medi-Cal cases with
caretaker relatives.

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If you have any questions concerning a specific revision, please contact Margie Buzdas.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure



MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY MANUAL - PROCEDURES SECTION

Article 8 -- RESPONSIBLE RELATIVES AND UNIT DETERMINATION

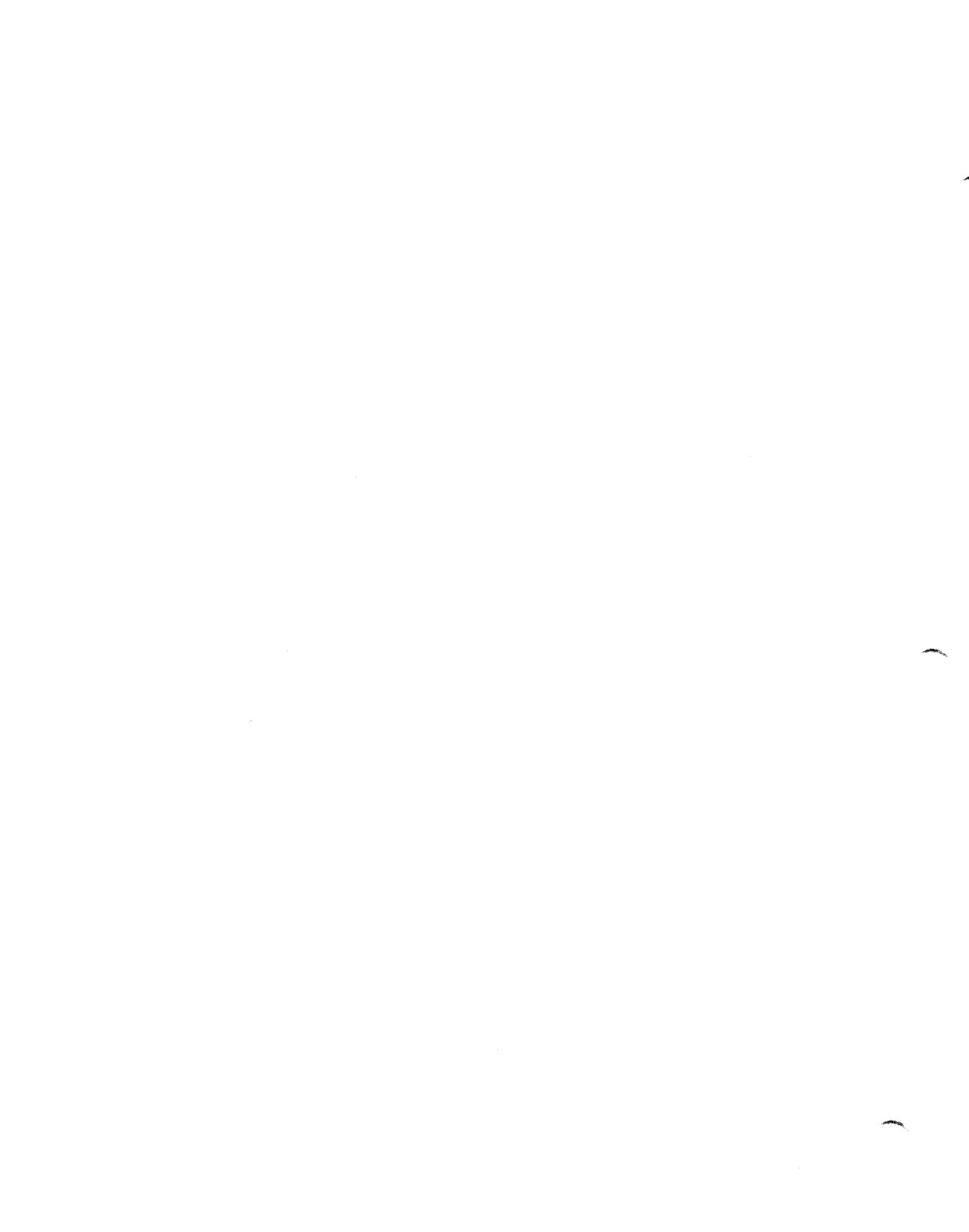
8A -- MFBU DETERMINATIONS

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Family Members Living in the Home
Who are not PA or Other PA

MFBU Composition

EXAMPLE 1

Grandmother requests Medi-Cal for herself and her grandchildren (siblings or half siblings). The grandfather and their children also live in the home. The grandfather has no linkage and does not wish Medi-Cal nor do their own children.

Household

Caretaker; related children;
caretaker's spouse; their own children.

MFBU(s)

1 MFBU

- a) Caretaker; related children.

EXAMPLE 2

Grandmother requests Medi-Cal for herself, her grandchildren (siblings or half siblings), her spouse, and her own children. The grandfather and their children live in the home. The grandfather has no linkage. The grandmother has no basis for linkage except as a nonparent caretaker relative to her grandchildren.

Household

Caretaker; related children;
caretaker's spouse; their own children.

MFBU(s)

2 MFBUs:

- a) Caretaker; related children
b) Caretaker and caretaker's spouse as ineligible members; their own eligible children.

EXAMPLE 3

Aunt requests Medi-Cal for herself, her sister's children (siblings or half siblings) and her spouse who is aged. They have no children of their own living in the home. The aunt has no basis for linkage except as a nonparent caretaker relative to her nieces and nephews.

Household

Caretaker; related children;
caretaker's spouse.

MFBU(s)

2 MFBUs:

- a) Caretaker; related children.
b) Caretaker as ineligible member. Caretaker's spouse (aged).

EXAMPLE 4

Grandmother requests Medi-Cal for herself, her grandchild, and her sister's children. She has no spouse or children of her own living in the home.

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Household

MFBU(s)

Caretaker; related children
(some who are not siblings or half
siblings)

2 MFBUs:

- a) Related child (grandchild)
- b) Related children (niece, nephew); caretaker.

or

- a) Related child (grandchild); caretaker.
- b) Related children (niece, nephew).

Caretaker may choose either/any MFBU. Children who are not siblings or half siblings must be in their own MFBU.

Family Members Living in the Home
Who are PA or Other PA

MFBU Composition

EXAMPLE 5

Uncle, his brother's children (siblings or half siblings), his wife and their own children request Medi-Cal. His wife is incapacitated. Nieces are SSI recipients.

Household

MFBU(s)

Caretaker; related children
on PA; caretaker's spouse; their own
children. Caretaker has only CR linkage.

2 MFBUs:

Caretaker as ineligible member; spouse; their own
children.

EXAMPLE 6

Grandmother requests Medi-Cal for herself and her grandchildren (siblings or half siblings). The grandfather receives SSI because he is aged and lives in the home.

Household

MFBU(s)

Caretaker; related children;
caretaker's spouse on PA.

1 MFBU:

Caretaker; related children.

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EXAMPLE 7

Grandmother requests Medi-Cal for herself, her grandchildren (siblings or half siblings), and her own children. The grandfather receives SSI because he is aged. The grandparent's children are medically indigent; the grandmother's only linkage would be as the nonparent caretaker relative of her grandchildren.

Household

Caretaker; related children;
caretaker's spouse on PA; their own
children.

MFBU(s)

2 MFBUs:

- a) Caretaker; related children
- b) Caretaker as ineligible member; her own children.

Treatment of Income and Property

In households where there is an MFBU which contains a caretaker relative and related children and the spouse or children of the caretaker either do not wish Medi-Cal or receive public assistance (PA) or other PA and do not appear in any MFBU, no income or property of the caretaker's spouse or own children is counted other than income which is actually contributed to the MFBU. No income or property allocation is made to either the spouse or the caretaker's own children by the caretaker or vice versa.

If the caretaker relative is in two MFBUs, consider the caretaker relative's full income in both and allow his/her medical expenses to be used to meet the share of cost in both MFBUs as specified in Section 50379.

If an MFBU which contains a caretaker relative and related children has excess property or a share of cost, follow existing Sneede v. Kizer procedures.

