

Memorandum

To: Board of Managers
From: Jonny F. Hipp, Administrator
Date: June 11, 2014
Re: Update: Nueces Aid Household Income Guidelines

At the Board's February 18, 2014 meeting, the Board amended the Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Guidelines Policy No. NA002, Attachment 4, Section F concerning the Program Household Income Guidelines due to new federal Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange income limits and hardship exemptions arising from implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, Public Law 111-148 ("Act"); the amendments were to be effective April 1, 2014. In brief, the amendments reduced the upper limit of the Nueces Aid Program's Eligibility Income Guidelines for Financial Assistance due to new federal Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange income limits and required use of a hardship exemption produced by the Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange.

Also at the February 18, 2014 meeting, the Board additionally authorized the Administrator to temporarily modify and/or postpone any or all portions of the Policy No. NA002 amendments approved in the preceding paragraph for reasonable cause taking into account the ongoing interpretation, implementation, and/or application of related portions of the Act and state law.

At the June 17, 2014 Board meeting we will provide you a verbal report on the Administrator's postponed implementation of certain of the above amendment provisions due to disparate income, hardship exemption, and other related definitions between the Nueces Aid Program and the Health Insurance Marketplace Exchange. We expect to provide recommendations and revised amendments at a later Board meeting that serve to mitigate the above differences.

Thank you.

Jonny F. Hipp