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MEDICAID REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 91-20

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FROM: Associate Regional Administrator
Division of Medicaid

SUBJECT: Targeted Case-Management Services and the Early and
Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment (EPSDT)
Program

TO: ALL STATE TITLE XIX MEDICAID AGENCIES (INFORMATIONAL)

The purpose of this memorandum is to clarify information that was previously furnished in Medicaid Regional Memorandum No 90-80, which was issued on August 8, 1990. It has come to our attention that the memorandum was confusing. While it was responsive to specific questions from a State Medicaid agency Director concerning Section 6403 of OBRA '1989, the questions were not included for reference. We believe that the following explanation will clarify the issues that were discussed.

QUESTION: Does the requirement that States provide under EPSDT "all necessary diagnostic and treatment services and other measures listed in section 1905 (a) of the Social Security Act" apply to targeted case management services?

ANSWER: To the extent that it is medically necessary to provide assistance in gaining access to needed social, educational and other services, a State must provide case management under section 1905 (a) (19) as defined in section 1915 (g) (2) as a service to its EPSDT participants. However, States are not required to provide targeted case management services under EPSDT since such services are included under section 1915 (g) (1) and not section 1905 (a).

QUESTION: Do the new service requirements and screening goals under OBRA 1989 apply only to children whose parents or guardians enroll them in EPSDT, or also to those who have explicitly declined such services?

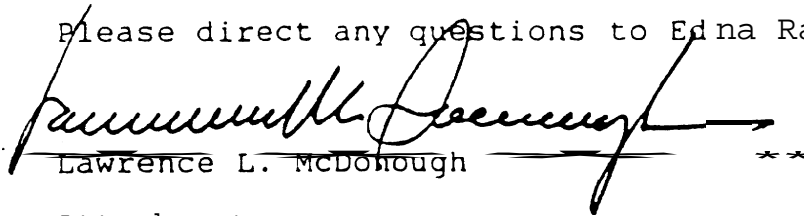
ANSWER: Because a parent or guardian can reverse a decision to decline EPSDT services at any time, States will effectively

be required to provide all medically necessary services **available** under 1905 (a) to ail individuals eligible for EPSDT services.

Regarding the annual HCFA-416 report, eligible individuals who decline EPSDT services will be included in the unduplicated count of those eligible for such services but not in the total number of eligibles provided screening services.

This clarification should be cross-referred to Medicaid Regional Memorandum No. **90-80**, dated August 8, 1990. An attachment, EARLY AND PERIODIC SCREENING, DIAGNOSIS, AND TREATMENT (EPSDT) AND CASE MANAGEMENT may also help to further clarify the provision of case management services under the EPSDT program.

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Attachments