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**MEMORANDUM**

TO: DMA Management & State Plan E-mail Subscribers

FROM: Teresa J. Smith, State Plan Coordinator

SUBJECT: Update to State Plan for Medical Assistance (183)

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The following changes were made in the NC Medicaid State Plan manual. You may view the Plan on DMA's website at <http://www.ncdhhs.gov/dma/plan/index.htm>.

**SPA# 10-010** This state plan change is made in accordance with Section 112 of the Medicare Improvements for Patients and Providers Act of 2008 (MIPPA) which mandated: effective January 1, 2010 states raise the resource limits for MQB-Q, MQB-B, and MQB-E from twice the SSI resource limit to the resource limit for the Low Income Subsidy (LIS) for the Medicare Prescription Drug program.

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NEW PAGE(S): Attachment 2.2-A, Page 9b, Attachment 2.2-A, Page 9b1, Attachment 2.2-A, Page 9b2 and Attachment 2.6-A, Page 22.

**SPA# 10-011** This state plan change will implement changes in the income eligibility for MQB-Q, MQB-B, MQB-W, and MWD eligibility groups according to the policy used in the Supplemental Security Income (SSI) program. SSI policy for determining income eligibility employs a "deeming" methodology. Following this methodology, the first step in determining income eligibility for an applicant/recipient who is married and living with his or her spouse, who is neither an applicant or a recipient, is to compare the applicant's countable income to the income limit for one, ignoring the needs of the spouse. If the applicant's income exceeds the income limit for one he or she is ineligible regardless of the spouse's situation.

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