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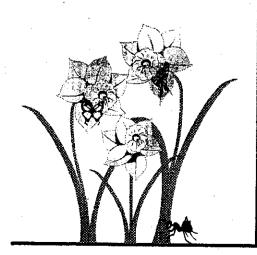
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Supplemental Needs Trusts Excluded from MA Eligibility Budgeting

As a result of a recent Fair Hearing decision, all income deposited into a "pooled trust," without restriction to dollar amount or frequency of deposit, is to be exempted when determining Medicaid eligibility. A "pooled trust" is a Supplemental Needs Trust (SNT) that has its assets pooled with the assets of others, but is managed as a separate account for the person for whose benefit the trust was established. SNTs are trusts established for the benefit of an individual of any age with a severe and/or chronic or persistent impairment.

However, transfers of income or resources to any SNT (pooled or otherwise) of an institutionalized consumer age 65 or older are subject to potential transfer penalties.

All cases with trusts of any kind are forwarded to the HRA, Office of Legal Affairs-Litigation Division prior to an eligibility determination for review and recommendation.

Separate Determination Medicaid Liaisons at Job Centers

On-site Separate Determination Medicaid Liaisons at Job Centers are responsible only for evaluating consumers for public health insurance who either are found ineligible for cash assistance or who withdraw their cash assistance application. Consumers, who mistakenly walk into a Job Center to apply for public health insurance (Medicaid/Family Health Plus, etc.) will be referred to these Separate Determination Liaisons, but are to be referred to a community Medical Assistance Program office or to a Facilitated Enroller.

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