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TO: Chris Atkins, Director
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RE: Family Impact Certification – 405 IAC 2, 1634 conversion

DATE: October 22, 2013

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This certification, submitted in accordance with Executive Order #13-05, formalizes the Family and Social Services Administration's ("FSSA") assessment of the impact on Indiana families of a proposed rule converting Indiana to a "1634 state," in which eligibility determinations and income and resource counting for Medicaid will be conducted in accordance with the standards set by the federal Social Security Administration ("SSA").

Executive Order 13-05 Certification of rules affecting families

Executive Order 13-05 ("Executive Order") requires the FSSA, prior to adopting any policy or rule, to certify that it has assessed its "real or potential impact on family well-being or family formation" in light of considerations set out in Section 2.a.-f. of the Executive Order. In addition, FSSA must justify any rule that is expected to have a negative impact on family well-being or formation. The Office of Management and Budget ("OMB") must respond to FSSA's statement no later than seven (7) days before the public hearing.

Summary of the proposed rule

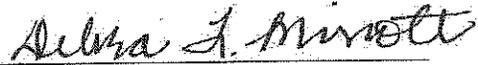
Pursuant to recent changes to state law, Indiana will convert from a 209(b) state to a 1634 state. Under the new scheme, SSA will accept applications for medical assistance and make eligibility determinations for aged, blind and disabled individuals seeking Medicaid coverage. Indiana will now use the criteria set forth by SSA and will defer to SSA's determination of eligibility and its standards for counting income and resources. In addition, the proposed rule amendments eliminate all references to a Medicaid spend-down requirement, as the federal standards do not require Medicaid recipients to meet a monthly amount of medical expenses before receiving coverage for Medicaid services.



Impact of the proposed rule on family well-being or family formation

The proposed rule should have **no impact** on family well-being or family formation. The proposed rule simply changes Indiana's eligibility criteria for aged, blind and disabled individuals seeking medical assistance and incorporates the federal standards articulated by SSA. Indiana will now use the criteria set forth by SSA and will defer to SSA's determination of eligibility and its standards for counting income and resources. FSSA does not anticipate that these policy changes will disadvantage the formation and well-being of intact married families. Accordingly, it is expected that the 1634 conversion will have a **neutral** impact on family well-being. FSSA is submitting this certification to OMB that it has considered the requisite criteria in Executive Order 13-05 in developing the proposed rule.

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