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The final version of Medical Assistance Eligibility Manual Transmittal (TN) #DMAS-14, effective October 1, 2019, has been posted on the Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) website at <http://www.dmas.virginia.gov/#/eligibilitypolicy>.

The final version of TN #DMAS-14 contains further clarifications regarding the income verifications and reasonable compatibility policy that is being implemented in conjunction with changes in the Virginia Case Management System (VaCMS). The implementation date for this policy is October 26, 2019.

There is one other significant change to the final version of TN#DMAS-14 from the draft version. The revisions to M1520.400 regarding Extended Medicaid were removed from the final version of TN #DMAS-14. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has directed that Low-income Families with Children (LIFC) who lose eligibility in the LIFC covered group due to new or increased earnings must be evaluated for Extended Medicaid benefits. Currently, VaCMS will enroll LIFC individuals with increased earnings under 138% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL) in the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) Adults covered group rather than Extended Medicaid. Eligibility staff will need to over-ride VaCMS to ensure that the individual is correctly enrolled in Extended Medicaid.