

# Operations Memorandum

## Medical Assistance OPS090405

April 20, 2009

**SUBJECT:** Rescission of Operation Memoranda OPS081103 and OPS081201  
**TO:** Executive Directors  
**FROM:** Joanne Glover, Director, Bureau of Operations

### Purpose

To inform County Assistance Office (CAOs) that, effective immediately, Operations Memorandum [OPS081103](#), entitled, "Non-receipt of Verification of Citizenship and/or Identity for Medical Assistance" and [OPS081201](#), entitled, "Verifying Residency for Medical Assistance" are rescinded.

### Discussion/Procedure

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provides all states with the opportunity to receive a temporary increase in the Federal Medical Assistance Percentage (FMAP). It is estimated that this legislation will bring approximately \$4 billion in federal funds into Pennsylvania between Fiscal Year (FY) 09 and FY 11 by increasing the federal match on payments for the state's Medical Assistance (MA) program. One of the conditions of eligibility for the enhanced FMAP is that a state's eligibility requirements for the MA program may not be more restrictive than those eligibility requirements that were in effect on July 1, 2008. This requires that the identified Operations Memoranda be rescinded.

### Next Steps

1. This Operations Memorandum will become obsolete once the handbook has been updated to remove the policy and procedures contained in these memoranda.
2. Share this information with appropriate staff.
3. Direct any questions to your Area Manager.