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- (3) Adding or deleting a budget unit member;
- (4) Increase or decrease in income;
- (5) Change in reserve;
- (6) Cessation of disability or blindness;
- (7) Parent or parents are no longer incapacitated or unemployed;
- (8) Change in responsible relative; or
- (9) Change in Medicaid program category.

(b) The Medicaid client or his or her representative shall report any change in situation in the budget unit or household as defined by 42 C.F.R. 435.603 that affects eligibility to the county department of social services within 10 calendar days of knowledge of the change. 42 C.F.R. 435.603 is incorporated by reference, including subsequent amendments and editions, available and free of charge at <https://www.ecfr.gov>.

(c) Once the county department of social services learns from any source that there has been a change in situation that affects eligibility, it shall verify that information by reviewing its files or electronically as defined by 42 C.F.R. 435.949, which is incorporated by reference including subsequent amendments and editions, and available free of charge at <https://www.ecfr.gov>. When the change in situation cannot be verified from its files or electronically, it shall send a notice of the need to obtain verification, as defined by 10A NCAC 23A .0102, of the change. No notice shall be sent if the change in situation can be verified in the county department of social services' files or electronically.

(d) For Medicaid applications, applications, once the county department of social services learns from any source that there has been a change in the budget unit's situation [that impacts eligibility,] they shall notify the applicant within five[business] work days of the need to [obtain verification, as defined by 10A NCAC 23A .0102, of]verify the change. the application processing standards set forth in 10A NCAC 23C .0201 shall apply. For the purposes of this Rule, a A [“change in situation” includes:] change in [of] situation includes but not limited to:

- (1) Change of address, [address;] or
- (2) Change in living arrangement, [arrangement;] or
- (3) Adding or deleting a budget unit member, [member;] or
- (4) Increase or decrease in income,[income;] or
- (5) Change in reserve, [reserve;] or
- (6) Cessation of disability or blindness, [blindness;] or
- (7) Parent or parents are no longer incapacitated or unemployed, [unemployed;] or
- (8) Change in responsible relative, [relative;] or

1 (9) ~~Change in~~ [Medicaid] Aid [program category.] Program Category

2 (e) For an ~~active case with an ongoing certification period, ongoing Medicaid case,~~ once the county department of
3 social services learns from any source that there has been a change in ~~the budget unit's situation, situation~~ ~~it they~~ shall
4 review the case ~~promptly and appropriate~~ ~~and determine eligibility.~~ ~~action Processing~~ shall be completed within 30
5 calendar days after the agency learns of the ~~change, change in situation.~~

6 ~~(e) The Medicaid client or his [or her] representative shall report any change in situation that [affects] might affect~~
7 ~~eligibility within 10 calendar days to the county department of social [services within 10 calendar days of knowledge~~
8 ~~the change.] services.~~

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10 History Note: Authority G.S. 108A-54; ~~108A-54.1B;~~ ~~42 C.F.R. 435.603;~~ 42 C.F.R. 435.916; ~~42 C.F.R. 435.949;~~
11 Eff. September 1, 1984;
12 Amended Eff. August 1, 1990;
13 Temporary Amendment Eff. August 22, 1996;
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15 Transferred from 10A NCAC 21B .0409 Eff. May 1, ~~2012;~~ ~~2012.~~
16 Readopted Eff. ~~October 1,~~ ~~May 1,~~ 2019.



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Re: Objection to Rule 10A NCAC 23G .0304

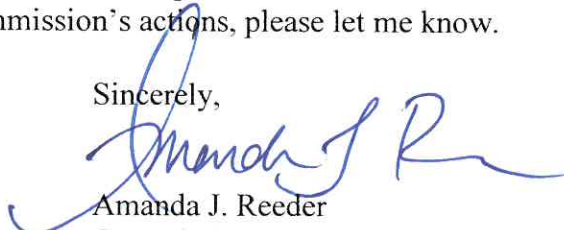
Dear Ms. Keller:

At its meeting yesterday, the Rules Review Commission objected to the above-captioned rule in accordance with G.S. 150B-21.10.

The Commission objected to the Rule for ambiguity. Specifically, the Commission found that the Rule is unclear if the individuals addressed in Paragraph (b) will receive the notice required by Paragraph (a). In addition, it is unclear if the term "change of situation" is intended to apply to Paragraph (b), as that term is not used in the Paragraph; instead, Paragraph (b) refers to "a change in the budget unit's situation."

Please respond to this letter in accordance with the provisions of G.S. 150B-21.12. If you have any questions regarding the Commission's actions, please let me know.

Sincerely,



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30 *Readopted Eff. June 1, May 1, 2019.*
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REQUEST FOR TECHNICAL CHANGE

AGENCY: DHHS/ Division of Health Benefits

RULE CITATION: 10A NCAC 23G .0304

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: Friday, May 10, 2019

The Rules Review Commission staff has completed its review of this Rule prior to the Commission's next meeting. The Commission has not yet reviewed this Rule and therefore there has not been a determination as to whether the Rule will be approved. You may call our office to inquire concerning the staff recommendation.

In reviewing this Rule, the staff recommends the following technical changes be made:

In (a), line 7, put "change of situation" in quotation marks.

Also on line 7, delete "but not limited to" and just state "includes:"

In (a)(5), line 12, remove the underlining from "reserve"

In (a)(9), what is "Program Category" and why is it capitalized?

Please retype the rule accordingly and resubmit it to our office at 1711 New Hope Church Road, Raleigh, North Carolina 27609.

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Commission Counsel
Date submitted to agency: April 29, 2019

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