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To: All Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP),
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF),
Family Medicaid (FMA) including Affordable Care Act,
Healthy Montana Kids (HMK) and
Aged, Blind and Disabled (ABD) Medicaid Manual Holders

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Subject: SNAP Bulletin 109
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Please place this bulletin at the beginning of section 5.4 for HMK.
Please place this bulletin at the beginning of section 200-1 for ABD Medicaid.

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SECTION: Household Composition

SUBJECT: Same sex marriage

REFERENCES: FNS Policy Memo dated May 27, 2014 and State Medicaid Director letter dated May 30, 2014

EFFECTIVE DATE: Immediately

INTRODUCTION: Married same sex couples are considered as spouses when determining eligibility for SNAP, TANF, HMK and Medicaid.

POLICY CHANGE: If same sex couples marry in a jurisdiction recognizing same sex marriage, they are considered as spouses. Same sex marriage is permissible under Montana law. The state of Montana recognizes same sex marriages performed in other jurisdictions.

Civil unions or domestic partnerships do not impact marital status and these couples are not considered spouses when determining Medicaid eligibility.