



## Medical Insurance and Community Services Administration (MICSA) MEDICAID ALERT

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Elimination of Drug/Alcohol Screenings/and Assessments

Prior policies required all single adults and childless couples responding with **two or more** "Yes" answers on form DSS-4571, **Alcohol/Substance Abuse Screening Instrument**, or those who are in a drug or alcohol treatment program to be referred for an alcohol/substance abuse assessment. Pursuant to Chapter 58 of the Laws of 2008, screening, assessments, mandated drug and alcohol treatment, and monitoring of compliance with such treatment are no longer conditions of Medicaid eligibility.

As a result, the following is **no longer** required:

- Completion of the DSS-4571, Alcohol/Substance Abuse Screening Instrument for Medicaid applicants
- Referring of Medicaid applicants to Substance Abuse Case Control (SACC)
- Use of Welfare Reform Exception Code 83 for these individuals

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