This bulletin is being sent to the Office of Eligibility Services (OES) Regional Director for Medicaid for the Elderly and People with Disabilities (MEPD) and other regional staff. This information is to be shared with all those who determine eligibility for MEPD. Please ensure copies are provided to staff that do not have access to e-mail. If you have any questions regarding the policy information in this bulletin, follow regional procedures. This bulletin will be available on the Family Services website at [http://ofs.hhsc.state.tx.us/policy/LTCbulletins.aspx](http://ofs.hhsc.state.tx.us/policy/LTCbulletins.aspx) and as a part of the online Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) Medicaid Eligibility Handbook (MEH) at [http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/meh/res/policy/index.htm](http://www.dads.state.tx.us/handbooks/meh/res/policy/index.htm).

Background

The Office of Eligibility Services (OES), State Operations, and the Long Term Care Medicaid Eligibility Policy Department mandated in February 2005, that MEPD Specialists run Data Broker on all applications and redeterminations (reviews). This included the streamlined redeterminations in accordance to Medicaid Eligibility Handbook, Sections 4220 Procedures for Redetermining Medicaid Eligibility and 4222 Streamlining Methods.

Policy Clarification

After case analysis and discussion with OES management, it was determined that Data Broker is **not required** on redeterminations, including the streamlined versions. This change is for both users of Texas Integrated Eligibility Redesign System (TIERS) and Legacy (System of Application, Verification, Eligibility, Referral and Reporting and Medicaid Eligibility Case Management) systems.

Effective Date

This change may take effect immediately.