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Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator:

The purpose of this letter is to explain corrections to the June 7, 1999 "Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator Letter" regarding modifications that became operational on the Production System on June 21, 1999. These corrections were made to reflect software changes identified in testing and in response to local district questions.

Corrections have been made to the following sections:

Attachment I, Page 2, Section 5  
Attachment I, Pages 3 & 4, Section 8

The changes to these sections have been made in bold type for ease of identification. Deletions are also noted.

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Attachment I	Section
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Sincerely,

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If the Case Type = 16, entries will only be allowed if the Auth From Date is greater than or equal to 12/01/99.

If the Case Type = 11 or 12, entries will only be allowed if the Auth From Date is greater than or equal to 07/01/01 (i.e. July 1, 2001).

5. As a result of State and Federal reporting requirements, it is necessary to determine who the biological mother is for each child seventeen years of age or under, and to determine the number of out of wedlock children born to teen parents in all PA cases. Therefore, a new two digit field has been added to Screen 3 of WMS to collect the mother's line number. A valid Line Number, or the entry of Code "98 - Mother Not in Household" or "99 - Mother Not in Case", is required for each child age 17 or less, including Unborns. These edits will be applied for all PA Case Types, except FS, and all Transaction Types. The Line Number must be a valid number for an active or sanctioned individual, and the individual must be a female. The new edit will generate error #346 - "Individual's Mother Must be Present and Female". An example of use of the new code '99' would be an SSI Mother who resides in the household but is not a member of the case because she is in receipt of SSI.
6. In order to support CAP policy, and to facilitate worker tracking of the end of transitional MA, a new AFA Code '276 - End of the 12 Month TMA (CAP)' has been created. The new AFA Code is allowable for all PA Case Types, except FS, and for all Transaction Types.
7. In order to support the Domestic Violence Subsystem, four new AFA codes have been developed as follows:
  - 277 - End of IV-D Waiver
  - 278 - End of Employment Waiver
  - 279 - End of Drug/Alcohol Waiver
  - 280 - End of Other Waiver

Currently, these AFA codes must be data-entered, and are allowable in PA Case Types only, for all Transaction Types. In the future, these codes will be system-generated based on the end Date of the Waiver from the Domestic Violence Subsystem. Depending on which waiver was expiring, the appropriate AFA code would be generated.

8. In order to support the Time Limit tracking system, the Effective Date field (Eff Date) on Screen 5 of WMS, currently used for Date of Death, has been re-named PA/MA Individual Effective Date (PA Eff Date) and has been expanded to be used to enter the date the PA Individual Reason Code takes effect or the Individual Status changes. The following edits apply to the new PA/MA Individual Effective Date field:

- a. For PA cases (CT 11, 12, 16 or 17), at Undercare Maintenance (Transaction Type = 05 or Recertification (~~TT = 06~~), ~~or Closed Case Maintenance (TT = 14)~~), if the PA Individual Reason Code is changed, the PA/MA Individual Effective Date must be present and must be ~~equal to or~~ greater than today's date. If the district has not implemented PA Undercare Notices (CNS), or the Notice Indicator = N or the Individual Status = 13 - Deceased, or an individual is being added to the case, the PA/MA Individual Effective Date must be present but can be less than today's date. (However, this date must still be greater than or equal to the previous Effective Date.) The error associated with this edit is #195 "PA/MA IND EFF DATE MUST BE > TODAY AND > OR = PREV EFF DATE".
- b. For PA cases (CT = 11, 12, 16 or 17), for Transaction Types Undercare Maintenance (05), Recertification (06), or Closed Case Maintenance (14), if the Individual Status is changed or the PA Individual Reason Code is entered, changed or deleted, a ~~new~~ PA Individual Effective Date is required. The Error associated with this edit is #474 "ENTRY OF PA/MA INDIVIDUAL EFFECTIVE DATE REQUIRED".
- c. For PA cases (CT 11, 12, 16 or 17), for ~~all~~ Transaction Types (03, 05, 06, 07, 08 or 11) if the Individual Status = 13 (Deceased), then the PA Individual Effective Date must be entered, and the PA Individual Reason Code must be 'E95'. If the PA Individual Reason Code = 'E95', then the Individual Status must = 13. The Error associated with this edit is #378 "IND STAT 13, E95 & PA/MA INDIVIDUAL EFFECTIVE DATE ARE REQUIRED".
- d. (This edit has been deleted.)

The following edits will apply to the system-generation of PA/MA Individual Effective Dates for PA cases (CT 11, 12, 16 or 17):

- e. For Transaction Types Opening (02), Denial (03), Open/Close (09) or Reopening (10), the PA/MA Individual Effective Date will be a protected field and will be system-generated at Batch Update and will equal the Authorization FROM Date, unless the Individual Reason Code is 'N42' or 'E95', in which case the Effective Date must be entered. The Error associated with this edit is #898 "E95, N42 or N31 & PA/MA INDIV EFF DATE ARE REQUIRED". (Please note that Reason Code N31 is not yet available.)
- f. For Transaction Types Closing (07) or Recert Closing (08), the PA/MA Individual Effective Date will be a protected field and will equal the Authorization TO Date plus one day, unless the previous PA Individual Reason Code is the same as the new PA Individual Reason Code, or the new PA Individual Reason Code is 'E95' (Deceased), in which cases the Effective Date will equal the date on Screen 5.

- g. (This edit has been combined with Section e on previous page.)
  - h. For Transaction Type Reactivation (11), if a PA/MA Individual Reason Code was present at Closing, the system will bring back the PA/MA Individual Effective Date that was present at Closing, or that was system-generated at closing (i.e., Auth TO Date plus one day).
  - i. The PA/MA Individual Effective Date Field and the PA/MA Individual Reason Code field will be included in the fields that are allowed to be changed during Closed Case Maintenance (14) transactions.
9. To enable better tracking of finger-imaging, a new Individual - level indicator has been added to Screen 5 of WMS to capture the presence of an AFIS exemption. Entry in this one-character alphanumeric field will be allowed for all PA, FS and MA Case Types and for all Transaction Types.

In addition to a blank (entry is currently allowed, but not required) valid values for the AFIS Exemption Indicator are:

- 1 Finger Imaged
- 2 Exempted: L&R Index Fingers Permanently Unavailable or Unusable
- 3 Temporarily Unavailable One Finger
- 4 Temporarily Unavailable Two Fingers
- 5 Exempted Individual Good Cause Reason
- 6 Exempted Homebound Individual
- 7 Exempted SSI Related
- 8 Exempted Congregate Care Facility
- 9 Exempted Long Term Care (In-Patient)
- A County Specific Approved Exemption

Values 1-4 are NOT worker enterable: these values will be system-filled via a weekly AFIS batch update interface not yet operational. Values 5-8 and "A" are allowed for all valid case types. Value 9 is valid ONLY for MA cases.

Because this field is stored on the individual record, a case type hierarchy (PA-MA-FS) will be employed to determine when the value is updated. Also, system values 2-4 may be overwritten by any allowable worker entered value; system value 1 MAY NOT be overwritten.

10. A new field heading only has been added to Screen 5 for Food Stamp Effective Date (FS Eff Date). In the future, this field will capture the date that the FS Individual Reason Code takes effect. Currently, entry in this field is prohibited.