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Dear CNS/WMS Coordinator:

Recently, the phase of Client Notices System (CNS) Public Assistance (PA) Undercare was implemented in your district. As part of the training materials, you received an interim matrix which addressed the Medicaid coverage in a PA Undercare transaction and the resulting notice.

Enclosed are written instructions to clarify the handling of these cases when processing PA Undercare transactions.

Please direct any questions to the following:

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Sincerely,

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Enclosure

cc: PA Directors
MA Directors

When PA sanction and deletion transactions are processed the primary goal of Medicaid is to ensure that individuals do not have a lapse in MA Coverage when the reason for deletion or sanction indicates that Medicaid needs to be continued or that a separate determination for Medicaid is needed. (Rosenberg). Refer to the PA Undercare interim matrix for coding details.

Deletions (Individual Status (I.S.) 15)

For certain PA reason codes, Individual Status (disposition) 15, "deletion", is entered and Medicaid must be extended to the end of the month following the deletion month until a separate determination is made. (Because the individual is deleted from the PA case, Medicaid must not be continued beyond that date on the PA case.)

The scenarios below are followed by an explanation of what steps should be taken to meet the Medicaid goal, that is, to authorize Medicaid coverage to the end of the month following the transaction (Tx) month.

Possible MA Coverage To-Date conditions:

1. Lapsed coverage
2. Less than the end of month following the Tx month.
3. Equal to the end of the month following the Tx month.
4. Greater than the month following the Tx month.

1. and 2. require two transactions. The MA Coverage To-Date (and the PA Authorization) must first be extended at least to the end of the month following the Tx month. Then the individual can be deleted. 3. and 4. require one transaction. However, 3. will generate Today's date + 10 days (T+10). Therefore, a second pass (UM/Error Correction) is required in order for WMS to accept the end of the month following the Tx month.

Sanctions

An additional goal is to discontinue Medicaid, when appropriate, for PA sanctioned individuals. For a number of PA sanction reasons, Medicaid is continued on the PA case because the reason for PA sanction does not apply to Medicaid or a separate Medicaid determination is required. If a separate determination is required, usual local procedures apply.

For certain other PA sanction reason codes, the sanction also applies to Medicaid. Medicaid needs to be terminated on the PA case in these situations. The scenarios below are followed by an explanation of what steps should be taken to end Medicaid the later of T+10 or the effective date of the PA sanction.

	<u>I.S. to be entered</u>	<u>Cov. Cd. to be entered</u>	<u>MA Coverage To-Date at Time of Action</u>
1.	10	05	Lapsed Coverage of less than T+10
2.	10	04	" " "
3.	07	04	" " "

MA Cov. TO date beyond T+10
(Recert MA Cover From Date >
Sanction date or T+10)

4.	10	05	"	"	"
5.	10	04	"	"	"
6.	07	04	"	"	"

In 1., 2., and 3., if the individual is entitled to MA between the lapsed MA Coverage To-Date and the effective date of the PA sanction, two transactions must be done. First, recertify the individual giving the appropriate MA Coverage, then enter the sanction.

In 4., 5., and 6., the recert transaction will process error free. The MA Coverage From-Date is generated equal to the Auth From-Date. If the effective date of the PA sanction and/or the MA Coverage From-Date begins later than the Auth From-Date, two transactions are needed to end the MA Coverage appropriately. First, recertify the individual giving the appropriate MA Coverage, then enter the sanction.