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Dear WMS/CNS Coordinator:

The purpose of this letter is to provide local districts with an explanation of the WMS/CNS enhancements migrated to the Training System on July 24, 2000 and to become operational on the Production System on August 21, 2000. These changes are a result of Federal Welfare Reform reporting requirements (Attachment I), PA/CNS changes (Attachment II) and MA/WMS revisions (Attachment III).

For questions regarding the attached changes, please contact the following individuals at 1-800-343-8859:

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Sincerely,

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Attachments

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IM Director  
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FS Director

1. In order to avoid future problems with tracking and federal reporting requirements, an edit has been modified on Screen 1 for the Food Stamp Case Reason Code. If the Case Type = 31 (NPA-FS) or 32 (FS-MIX), and the Transaction Type = Opening (02), Reopening(10) or Open/Close (09), entry in the FS Case Reason Code field is NOT allowed. For all other transaction types, entry in this field is optional, however, if the FS Case Reason Code is entered, it must be a valid code.
2. As a result of Federal reporting requirements, the Race/Ethnic field has been broken into two separate fields to capture Ethnic affiliation and five yes/no values for each of five possible choices of Race. The new fields will consist of six letters, with one letter above each entry character (i.e. H IABPW), signifying the following Race/Ethnic affiliations:

Ethnicity

H Hispanic or Latino

Race

I American Indian or Alaskan Native  
A Asian  
B Black or African American  
P Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander  
W White

Conversion

For individuals in existing cases, the system will convert the existing one-character Race/Ethnic Code by placing a "Y" in one of the six characters that most closely relates to the old values, and will leave blanks ('\_') in the other 5 characters. Old code "H" will convert to "Y\_ \_ \_ \_ \_", Code "I" to "\_ Y \_ \_ \_ \_", Code "A" to "\_ \_ Y \_ \_ \_", Code "B" to "\_ \_ \_ Y \_ \_" and Code "W" to "\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Y". Old codes "O" and "U" were converted to "\_ \_ \_ \_ \_". No existing codes will produce a "Y" in the "P" field, since we currently do not capture an equivalent code to designate Native Hawaiians or Pacific Islanders.

Application Registry

Entry in the new fields is optional at App Reg. Acceptable entries for Case Types (other than CT 20 MA-ONLY) are "Y" (YES) or "N" (NO). (For CT 20, valid values are "Y", "N" or "U" Unknown. Multiple values per individual are allowed, but not required.) Partial completion of the fields will be allowed (e.g. only 1 or 2 of the 6 fields are entered). Entry of the fully or partially-completed fields will be carried over to the App TAD and Screen 3 of WMS.

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Entry in all 6 spaces is required for all individuals in CT 11, 12, 16, 17 with Transaction Types 02 (Opening), 06 (Recert) and 10 (Reopening) if Individual Status is 07 (Active), 08 (Inactive- Excess Restricted Income/Non-Applying HH Member-PA Only), or 10 (Inactive-Sanctioned). For PA Case Types 11, 12, 16, 17, a "Y" or "N" (not "U") entry must be present in all 6 spaces. For CT 20 (MA Only), at least one of the 6 spaces must have an entry of Y, N, or U for each individual.

For Case Types 31 (NPA-FS) or 32 (FS-MIX), with Transaction Types 02 (Opening), 06 (Recert) or 10 (Reopening), entry of "Y" or "N" (not "U") is required in all 6 spaces for at least one individual with Individual Status = 07 (Active) or 10 (Inactive-Sanctioned). Entries will be allowed for other individuals in the case and, if any entries are made, all 6 spaces must be completed.

For CT 11, 12, 16, 17, 31, or 32, there must be an entry of "Y" or "N" in the first Race/Ethnic field and at least one "Y" in one of the last 5 spaces.

Entry in the Race/Ethnic fields is allowed, but not required for CT 18 (EAA), 19 (EAF) and 60 (HEAP). Partially-completed fields (e.g. 2 of the 6 spaces) are allowed for these case types.

Entry in the Race/Ethnic fields is allowed but not required for Transaction Types 03 (Denial), 05 (Change), 07 (Closing), 08 (Recert Closing), 09 (Open/Close), 11 (Reactivation) or 14 (Closed Case Maintenance).

Entry in Race/Ethnic fields is allowed, but not required, for unborns. Partially completed fields are allowed for unborns.

Entry in Race/Ethnic fields is required when adding an individual to a case at Change (TT=05) for CT 11, 12, 16, 17, 20 (for CT 20, at least 1 of the 6 fields must be "Y", "N" or "U"). For case types other than CT 20, all 6 spaces must be completed with a "Y" or "N" only and one of the last 5 spaces must contain a "Y". WMS will not consider adding an unborn or a change of an individual from an unborn to a newborn as adding an individual to a case, since Race/Ethnic affiliation might not be available at this time.

CNS Changes (PA/MA/FS)

1. In a "Dear CNS Coordinator" Letter dated April 12, 2000, local districts were surveyed regarding a proposed change to appointment times for PA/FS/MA recertification call-in notices. This modification would switch the designation from p.m. to a.m. for times between 0730 and 0759, inclusive. This change is now available on production, and will allow districts to call-in clients to recertify as early as 7:30 a.m. and as late as 7:29 p.m.
2. Workers in districts producing PA Undercare notices through the Client Notices System may now utilize CNS to send FS change notices as they follow up on monthly IV-D support pass-thru MRB/A, instead of preparing manual notices.

PA cases appearing on IV-D Eligible Lists may be sent CNS notices concerning the change in FS allotment by using PA case reason code Y20-PA Benefit Not Changed (No New Budget), FS case reason code B20- New Budget Authorized, and a transaction type code of 05-Change. No new budgets should be stored for this purpose.

Cases appearing on IV-D Exception Lists may be sent CNS notices in a similar manner, after the exception reason(s) is resolved, new payments are authorized, and a new FS budget is stored.

**MA Only Revisions****System Generated Guarantee for MA Case Closing**

When an MA Case (Case Type 20) is closed with an effective date prior to the PCP Guarantee Thru Date on file in the Prepaid Capitation Plan (PCP) subsystem, WMS will change the individual's MA Coverage Code from 30/32 to 31/33 and change the MA Coverage To Date to the Guarantee Thru Date on file.

**Principal Provider Exception Type 2 Edit Enhancement**

The Principal Provider subsystem no longer allows the Principal Provider Payment Exception Type to be changed from "1" (Per Diem Payments to Provider Not Allowed) to value "2" (Per Diem Payments to Provider Allowed) using the CL (Change Line) function. When this occurred the fiscal agent erroneously deducted the NAMI TWICE for the month the change occurred.

The entry of value "2" must now be an original entry. The error message will read "Enter PP Exception "2" as an Original Entry Instead of as a Correction".

**Principal Provider Code "05" Edit enhancement**

In order to synchronize the Principal Provider edits with the fiscal agent's edits, Principal Provider Code "05" (ORMDD Developmental Center) can only be input by Fiscal District 97 (OMH) or 98 (OMR). The Local District can still enter Principal Provider Code "02" (Private Intermediate Care) if the individual is the responsibility of the Local District and the OMH/OMR provider needs to be on file for payment through the Principal Provider subsystem.

**Report on individuals in the Restriction/Exception Subsystem with an Exception Code of "83" (Alcohol and Substance Abuse).**

All individuals in receipt of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services (ASA) are identified on the Restriction/Exception Subsystem with a value of "83". This new monthly report will list for local districts their recipients in need of ASA services and assist in the tracking of these individuals. The report will list CIN, Case Number, Name, the Code 83 Thru Date, their PCP Provider (if in Managed Care), the Capitation From Date and the Guarantee Thru Date.

**Principal Provider NAMI From Date Edit**

It is now no longer allowed to change the date of the Principal Provider Available Income Amount Effective From Date (NAMI From Date) using the Change Line (CL) Function. This previously resulted in eligibility stacking problems at the fiscal agent when other NAMI amounts and dates were inserted in the eligibility stack.

When a NAMI From Date needs to be changed, then Principal Provider line affected should be deleted and be input as an original entry. The new edit/error message will read "Enter Available Line Amount Effective From Date as an Original Entry Instead of as a Correction".