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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 scheduled to be migrated to the Training System on November 13, 2000 and to become operational on the Production System on November 20, 2000. These changes are a result of Federal Welfare Reform reporting requirements and recent MA legislation.

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

cc: Commissioner  
IM Director  
MA Director  
FS Director

1. WMS Screen 1 edits have been revised to prohibit entry of Case Type 14 (PG-ADC) for transaction types 03 (Denial) and 05 (Change). In effect, CT 14 is not allowed for any transaction type and PG-ADC is no longer a valid case type.
2. New Warnings have been added that will be generated when the PA/MA and/or FS Individual Reason Code is changed (on Screen 3), but the PA/MA and/or FS Effective Date on Screen 5 is not changed.

For PA, the following Warning is generated: #1502 'PA/MA INDIVIDUAL EFFECTIVE DATE HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED'.

For FS, the following Warning is generated: #1503 'FS INDIVIDUAL EFFECTIVE DATE HAS NOT BEEN CHANGED'.

3. AFIS Indicator on WMS Clearance Report:

When an application is registered, the WMS Clearance Report generated will now contain the current AFIS Indicator value for each individual. The new field, labeled "AFIS", appears on the second line of client information to the left of the 60 CT field.

4. Domestic Violence Waiver Generation of New AFA Code 333:

Each time new Domestic Violence sub-system waiver information is entered by a district DV Liaison, a WMS change transaction will be system-generated with a new WMS PA case reason code, Y33 (DV-WV-POST) and Notice Indicator "N".

For each domestic violence waiver present with an END Date greater than the Transaction Date AND an END Date different than all other DV waivers present, AFA Code 333 (DV-WV-EX) is posted on screen 04. **AFA code 333** will be posted for each unique waiver END Date for each individual in the case that is granted waivers.

All AFA 333 codes will be posted as long as there is sufficient space in the AFA section of screen 04. If space is not available to post every AFA 333 generated by DV waiver entries, the available fields will be filled by those AFA's associated with the waivers whose END Date will be reached the soonest.

Entries on the WMS pending record generated by the AFA posting process may be modified as needed. This includes, but is not limited to, the transaction type, reason codes and/or notice indicator. Workers are reminded that in order to produce a CNS notice, the "N" in the notice indicator must be changed as appropriate.

Workers are also advised that DV waiver indicators on screen 03 will be filled during this process as described in the October 26, 1999 WMS/CNS Coordinator letter. Regarding these DV waiver indicators, workers are reminded to pay special attention to **Employability Code 46**. This code indicates that the Employment waiver is only partial or has expired. Contact with the agency's domestic violence liaison is recommended to determine what employment activities are appropriate or if the waiver is to be extended. In the event that this waiver has expired and is NOT to be extended, it is suggested that workers overwrite employability code 46 with the appropriate value. PLEASE NOTE, a new WMS edit (error #1302) has been implemented to prevent changing an individual's employability code when a domestic violence waiver has been granted and is current.

5. The April 26, 2000 "Dear WMS Coordinator" Letter introduced new payment type "G1-Shelter/R&B To Guardian" which allows workers to issue shelter payments to grantees/guardians of individuals who reside in Non-Cash Safety Net (CT 17) cases, without requiring entry of a Vendor ID or generation of a Form 1099. In using this new pay type, several districts have run into edit problems when trying to authorize the payment using Payment Schedule "M-Monthly". Because these payments are issued as "Unrestricted" (and accessible by grantees/guardians swiping the case's CBIC/EBT card), if the amount of the shelter grant is greater than \$25.00, shelter paylines using Pay Type "G1" must be authorized using Payment Schedule "S-Semi-Monthly" making sure the Payment Amount is written as half of the monthly amount displayed on the ABEL budget.
6. The following Payment Types have been deleted:
  - 01 Expenses Incidental to Pregnancy
  - E2 Childcare Allowance for non-PA, non-legally - responsible caretaker
7. The definition for the following Payment Types has been changed:
  - 18 Changed from 'Retroactive Budgeting Supplemental Payment' to 'Child Support Disregard'
  - R7 Changed from 'Lunch/Transportation' to 'Transportation'

MA Only/Managed Care

1. MABEL has been changed to calculate 200% of the Federal Poverty Level for Pregnant Women & Infants Under age 1. This enhancement corresponds with recent legislation which increased the income standard for determining Medicaid eligibility for pregnant women and infants under age 1. As of 11/1/00, income for these individuals will be compared to 200% of the federal poverty level. Therefore, for pregnant women or infants in Case Type 20, the income standard is increased from 185% to 200% of the federal poverty level. (This enhancement will be migrated to production on 11/27/00 with the MA Mass Rebudgeting.)
  
2. An enhancement has been made to Managed Care Processing. If a recipient has no eligibility on file for the following month AND the guarantee Thru Date is in the future, PCP Coverage Code 31 is now generated to the end of the Guarantee period and the individual is placed on the roster with Guarantee Coverage until the end of the guarantee period. (This enhancement will be migrated to production on 11/20/00.)

MA Only (CNS Changes)

The following reason codes/paragraphs will be changed to reflect the new MBL budgeting methodology for pregnant women and infants. The change, which is scheduled to be operational on the Production System on November 27th, 2000, is the expansion from 185% to 200% of the Federal Poverty Level for pregnant women and infants.

Trans Type	Reason Code	Para #	Description
Denial	E59	X0041	Pregnant Woman, Excess Income Over 200% of FPL, Bills Do Not Meet Spenddown
Denial	E67	X0076	Child Up to Age One, Excess Income (Mother Did Not Receive MA in Any Month of Her Pregnancy)
Closing	X17	P0005	Over Income and/or Resources, Single/Childless Couple, Post-partum, No Infant
Undercare/ Closing	X15	P0003	Eligible During Pregnancy, After 60 Day Post-partum, Excess Income/Resources, No Infant
Undercare/ Closing	X16	P0004	FNP Mother Over Income/Resources, Post-partum, No Infant
Undercare/ Closing	E49	X0066	Excess Income, Child Turning 1 Yr.
Undercare/ Closing	E68	X0067	Excess Income and Resources, Child Turning 1 Yr.
Undercare	C12	C0100	FNP Mother Over Income/Resources, Post-partum, Infant Continues
Undercare	S11	U0008	200% to 100% or MA Level During Pregnancy or 60 Day Post-partum
Undercare	S22	X0042	200% to Excess Income and/or Resources, Disc. Mother - Continue Child
Undercare	S19 CAB	X0045	200% After 60 Day Post-partum - Excess Income - Spenddown Not Met
Undercare	S19 CAH	X0047	200% After 60 Day Post-partum -

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Undercare	S19 CAA	X0103	200% After 60 Day Post-partum - Excess Income - Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 CAD	X0046	200% After 60 Day Post-partum - Excess Resources - Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 CAF	X0116	200% After 60 Day Post-partum - Excess Income and Resources - Both Met
Undercare	S19 CAC	X0097	200% After 60 Day Post-partum - Excess Income - 6 Month Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 CAI	X0104	200% After 60 Day Post-partum - Excess Income and Resources - Both Resource and 6 Month Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 ECB	X0068	Child Turning 1 at 200%, Over 133% and MA Level, Excess Income - Spenddown Not Met
Undercare	S19 ECH	X0069	Child Turning 1 at 200%, Over 133% and MA Level, Excess Income and Resources - Resource Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 ECA	X0112	Child Turning 1 at 200%, Over 133% and MA Level, Excess Income - Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 ECF	X0118	Child Turning 1 at 200%, Over 133% and MA Level, Excess Income and Resources, Both Met
Undercare	S19 ECC	X0099	Child Turning 1 at 200%, Over 133% and MA Level, Excess Income - 6 Month Spenddown Met
Undercare	S19 ECI	X0106	Child Turning 1 at 200%, Over 133% and MA Level, Excess Income and Resources - Both Resource and 6 Month Spenddown Met

The following reason code is being ~~deleted~~ for all transaction types (05, 06, 07, 08) due to the Continuous Eligibility rules:

Reason Code	Paragraph #	Description
E20	X0087	Excess Income, Infant to Age 1, Over 185% No MA During Pregnancy